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# SONIC



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THE UNTHINKABLE  
HAPPENS



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WE'RE IN  
POSITION,  
UNCLE  
ROBOTNIK.

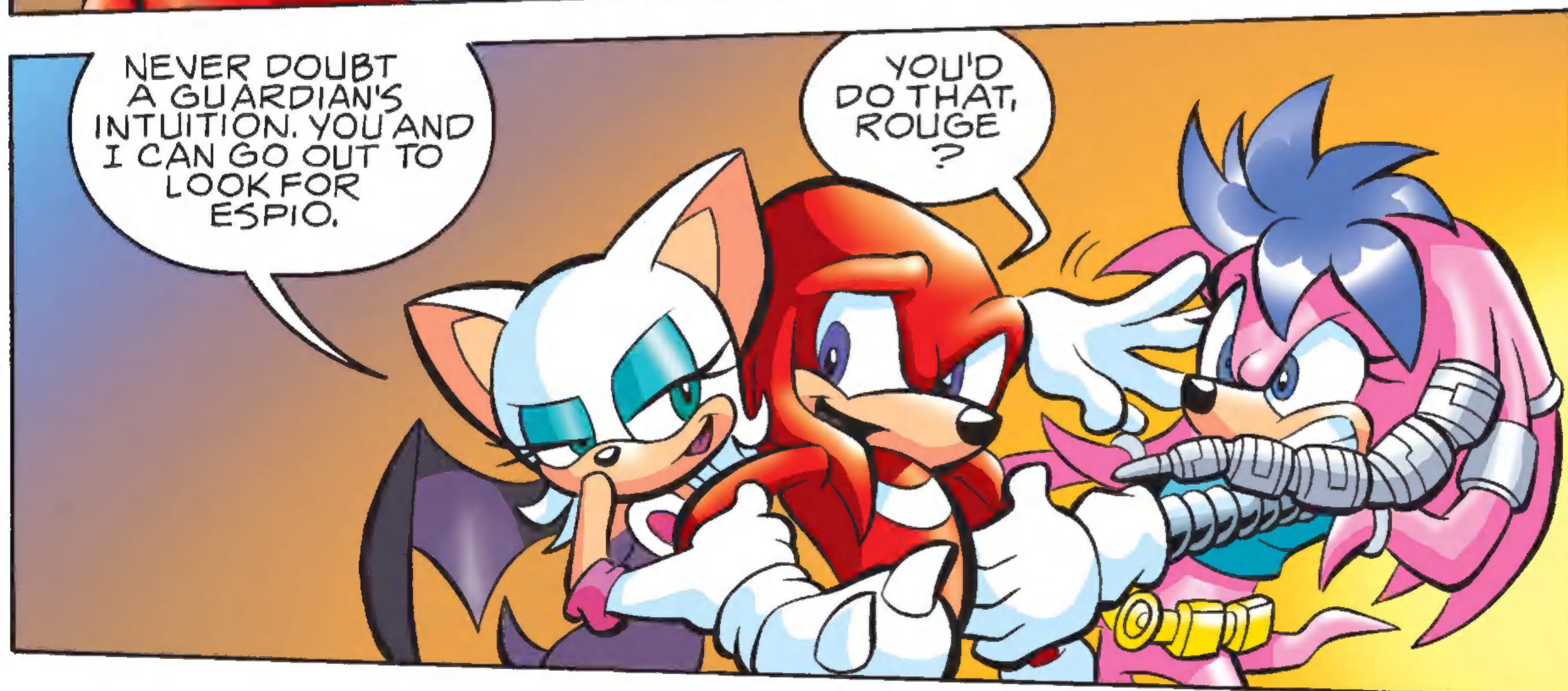
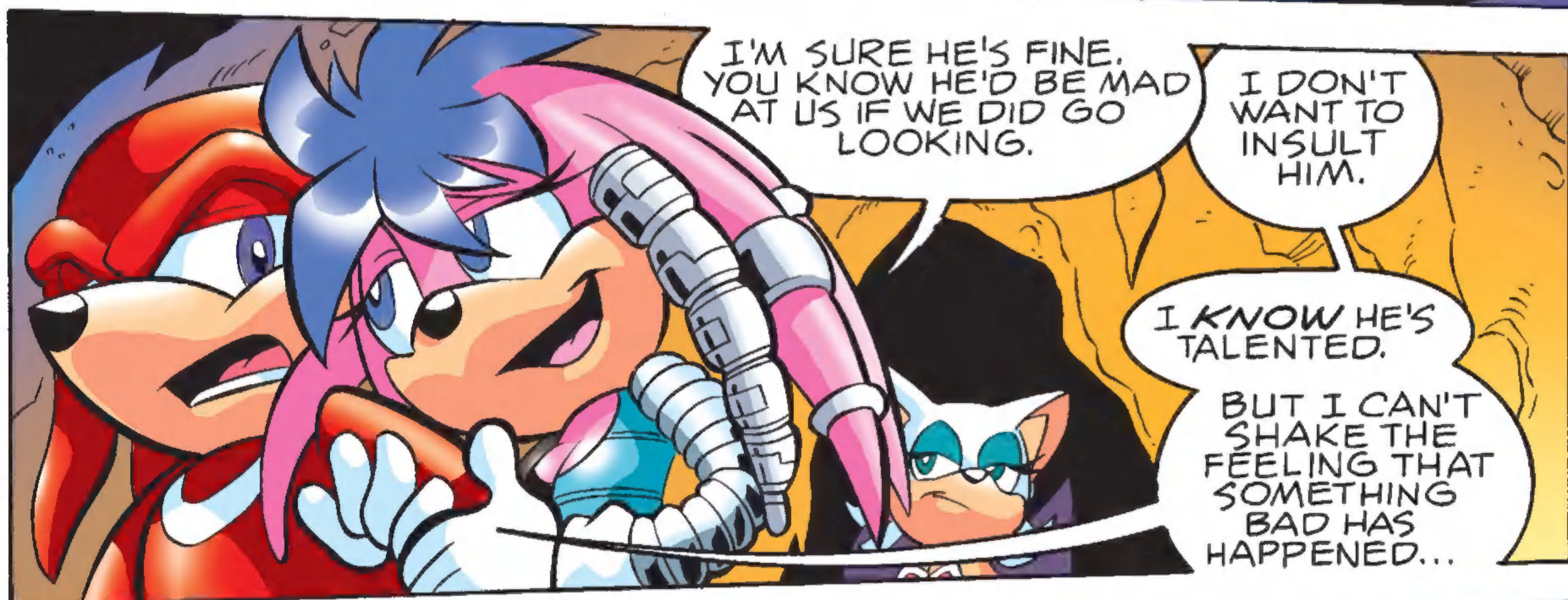
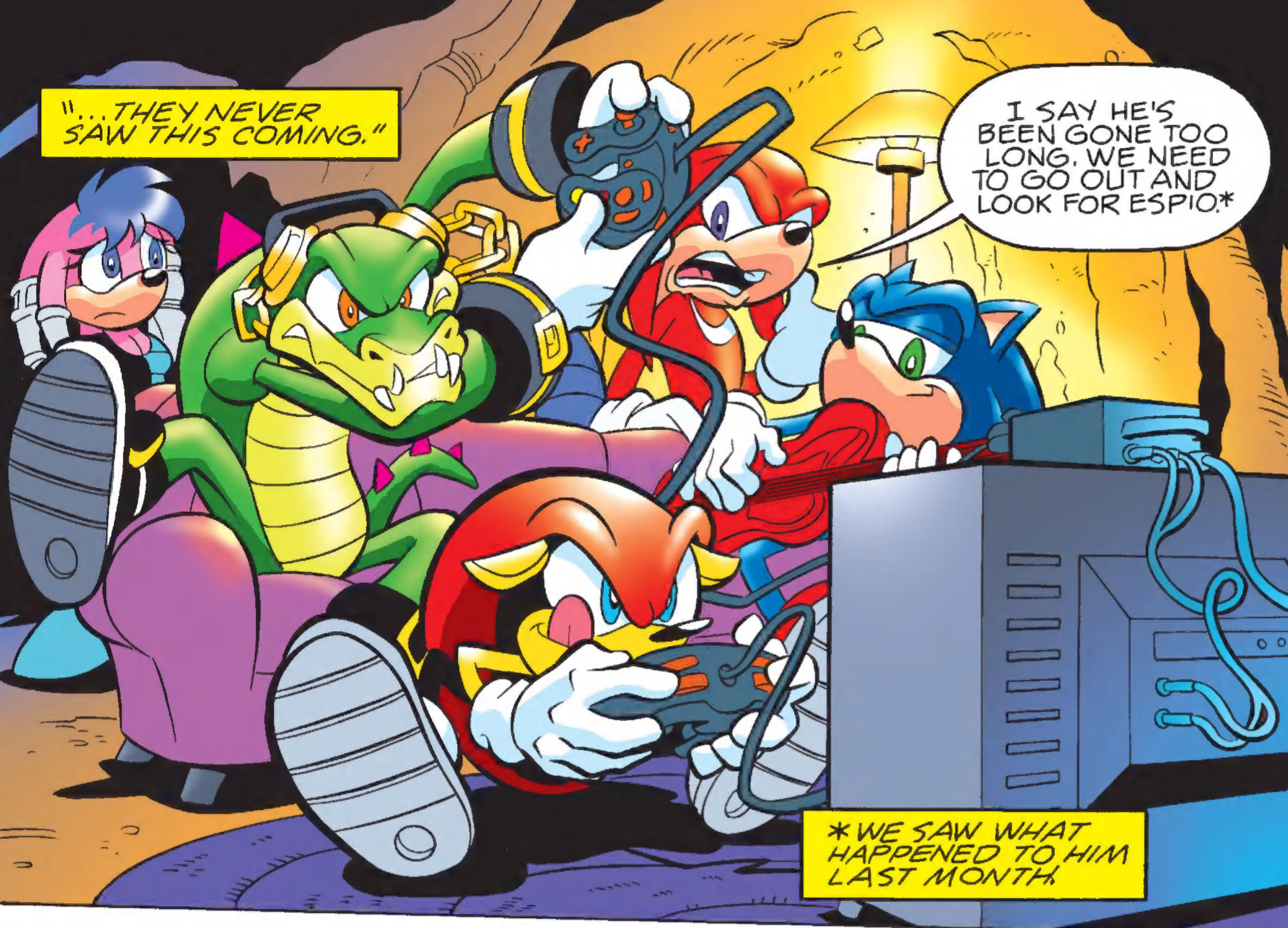
THEN  
LET US  
DEPLOY,  
SNIVELY.  
IT'S TIME  
TO END THIS  
SILLY LITTLE  
WAR.

AGREED,  
AND BEST  
OF ALL...

# EGGMAN EMPIRE

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I GET THE FEELING HE'S KEEPING SOMETHING FROM ME, THAT'S ALL.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, NICOLE? YOU'RE RUNNING REALLY SLOW.

I BELIEVE I'M FINE. I WILL RUN A DIAGNOSTIC NOW.

GOOD IDEA. WE DON'T KNOW IF SNIVELY DID ANYTHING TO SABOTAGE US BEFORE HE LEFT.\* THANKS, ROTOR.

IT'S BEEN A ROUGH FEW WEEKS FOR YOU, BUDDY. FIONA LEAVING\*\* ...TOMMY...Y'KNOW.\*\* AND THEN YOU AND SONIC HAVE BEEN KIND OF AT ODDS...

\*\*HEARTS WERE BROKEN IN S# 172.

\*\*\*THE TRAGEDY HAPPENED IN S# 169.

SURE THING, TAILS. SPEAKING OF RUNNING DIAGNOSTICS ON YOURSELF...

\*BACK IN S# 162.

I'LL ADMIT IT'S BEEN HARD TO TAKE. IT'S BEEN HARD TO PROVE MYSELF AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER. AND HARDER STILL TO FAIL TO PROTECT THEM...

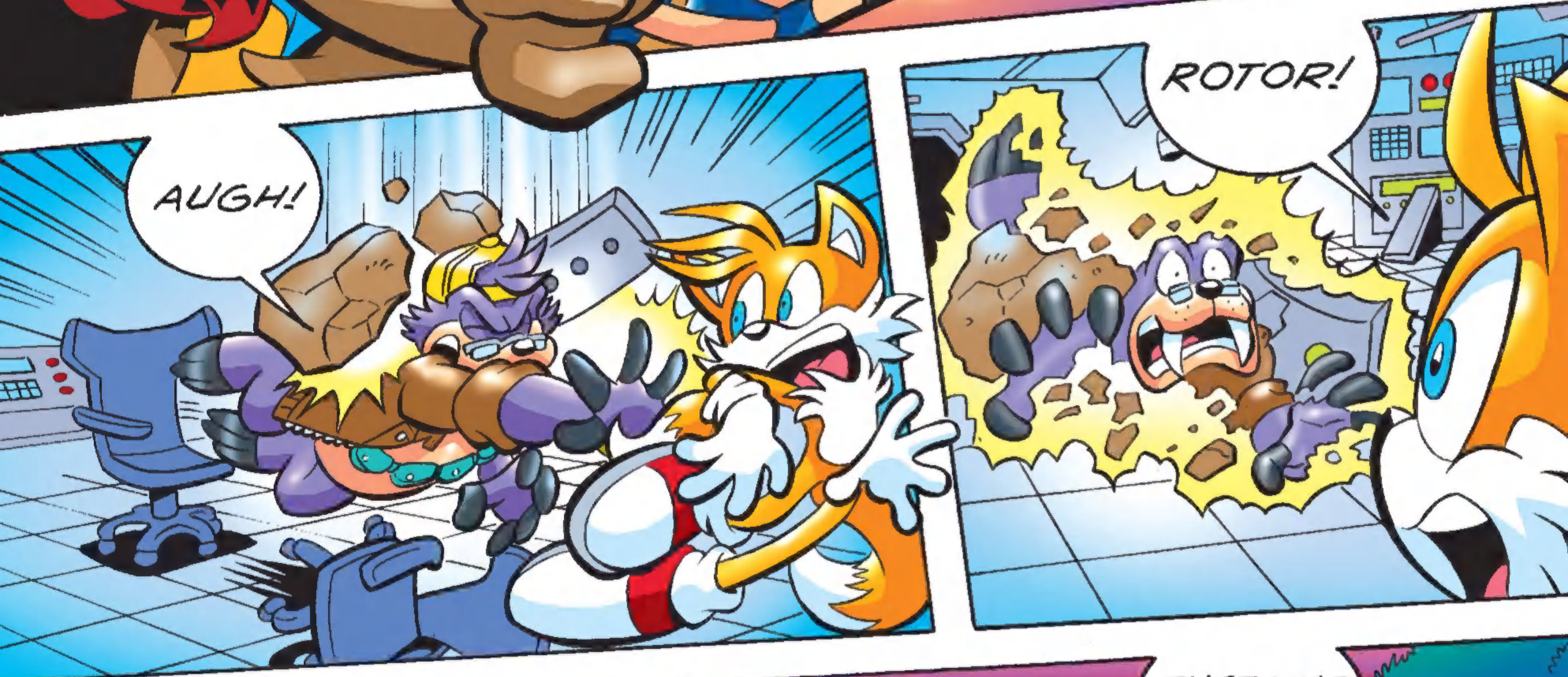
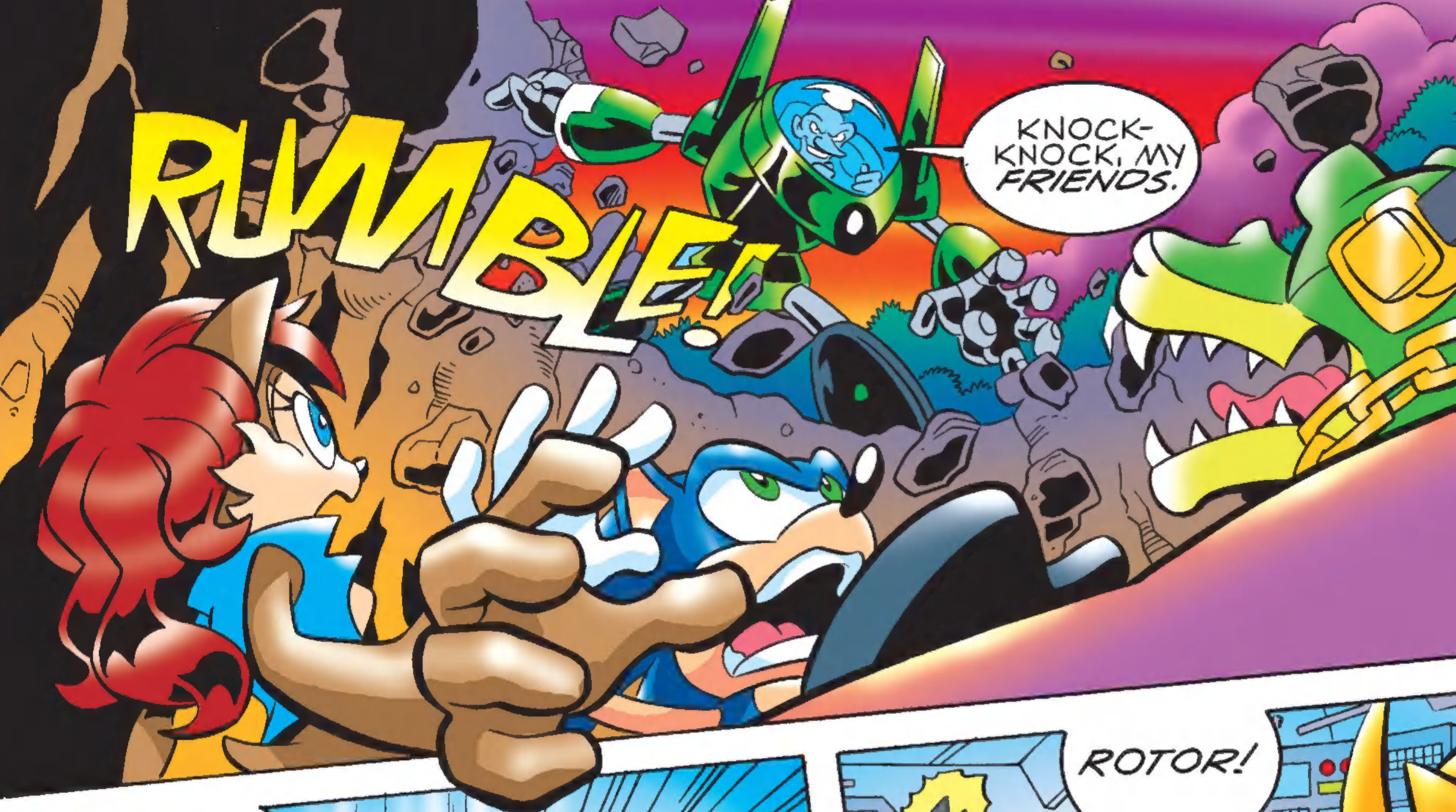
TAILS, YOU DIDN'T FAIL...

AND NEVERMIND SONIC. I FINALLY HAVE MY FAMILY BACK, AND I STILL HAVE ALL MY FRIENDS NEAR ME! I'LL BE FINE!

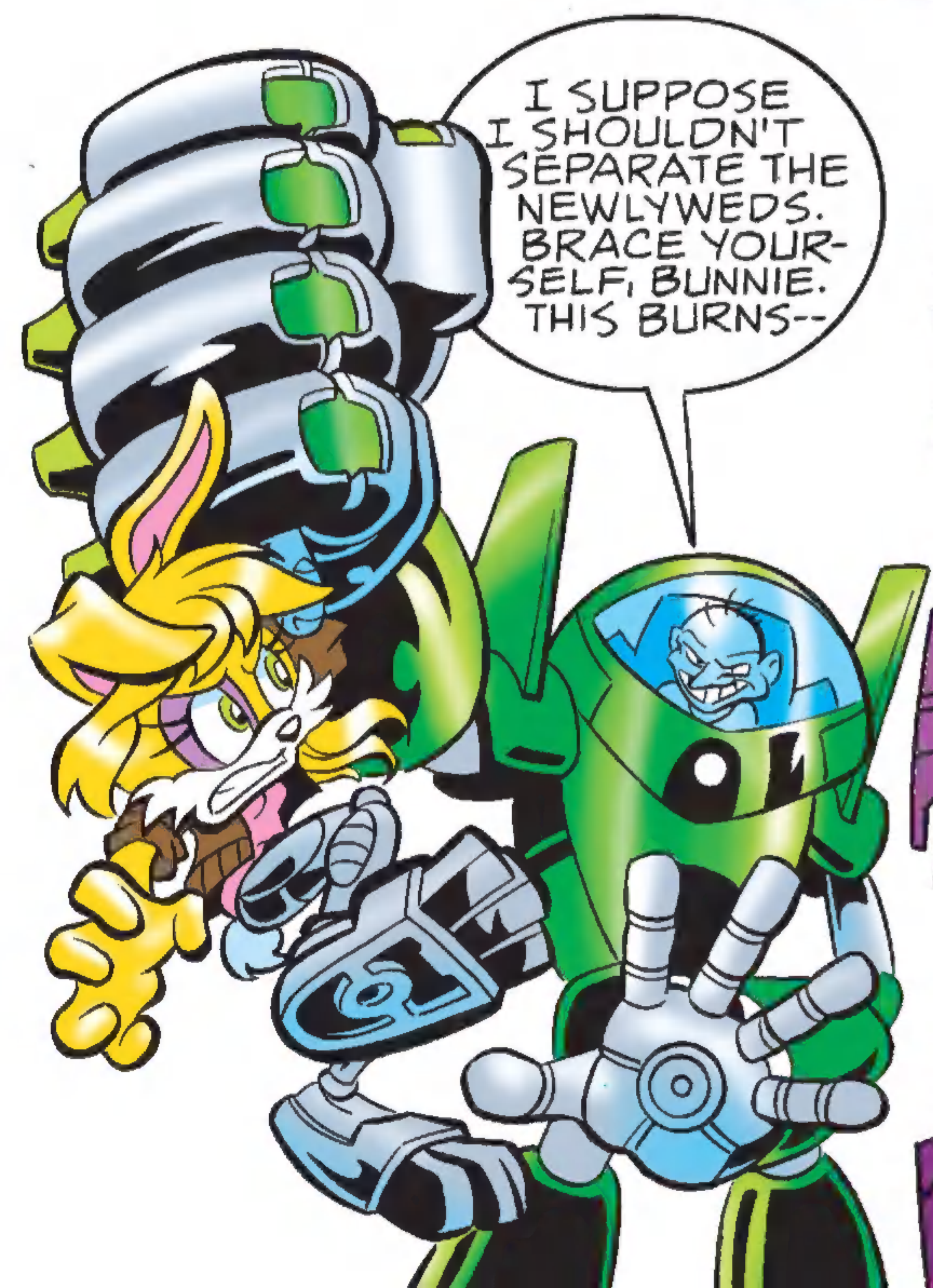
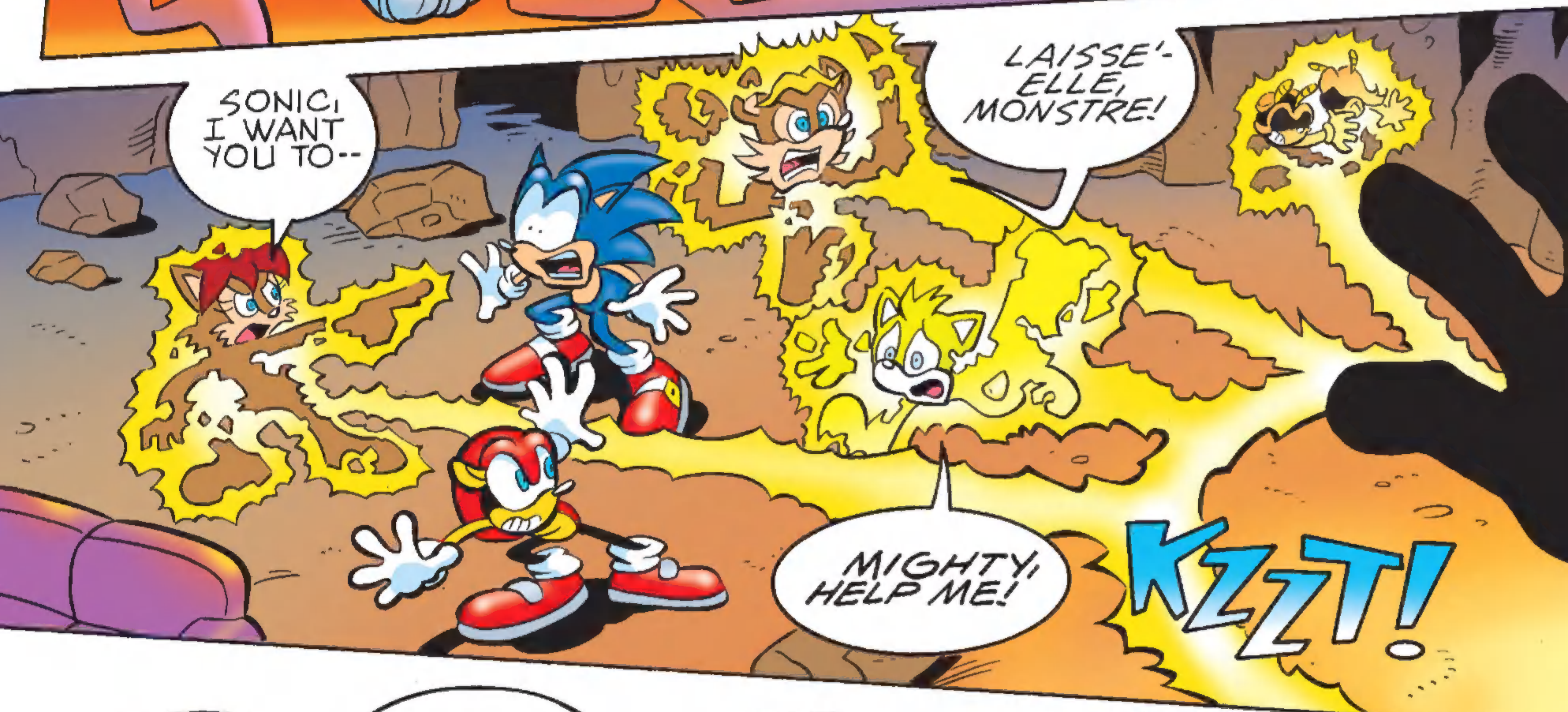
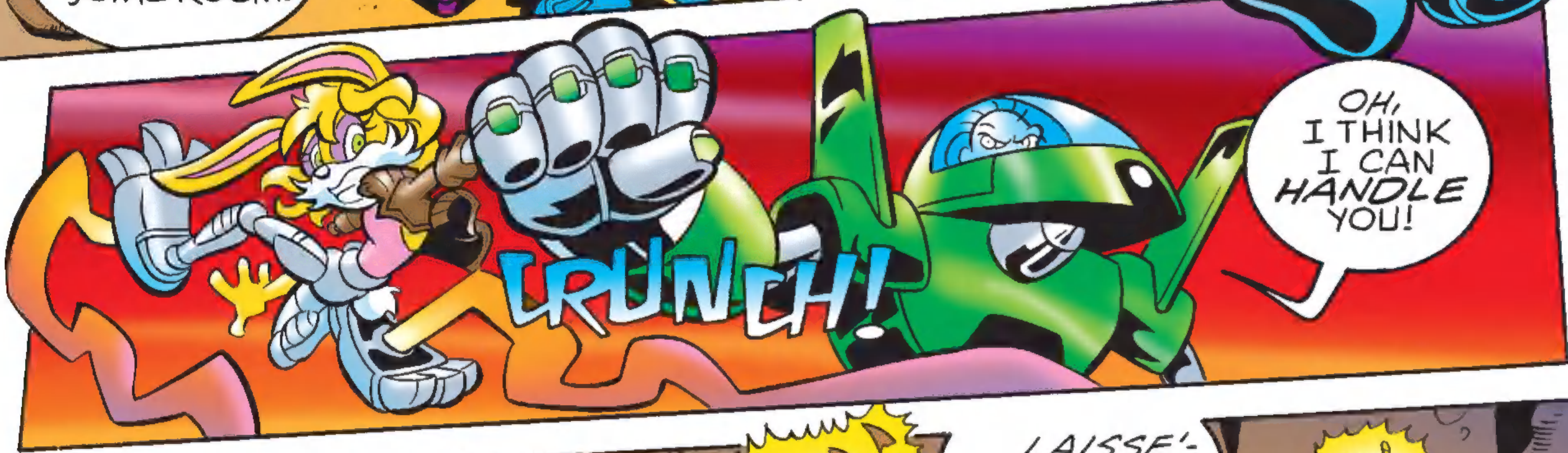
IF YOU SAY SO!

DIAGNOSTIC COMPLETE. SYSTEM COMPROMISED! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

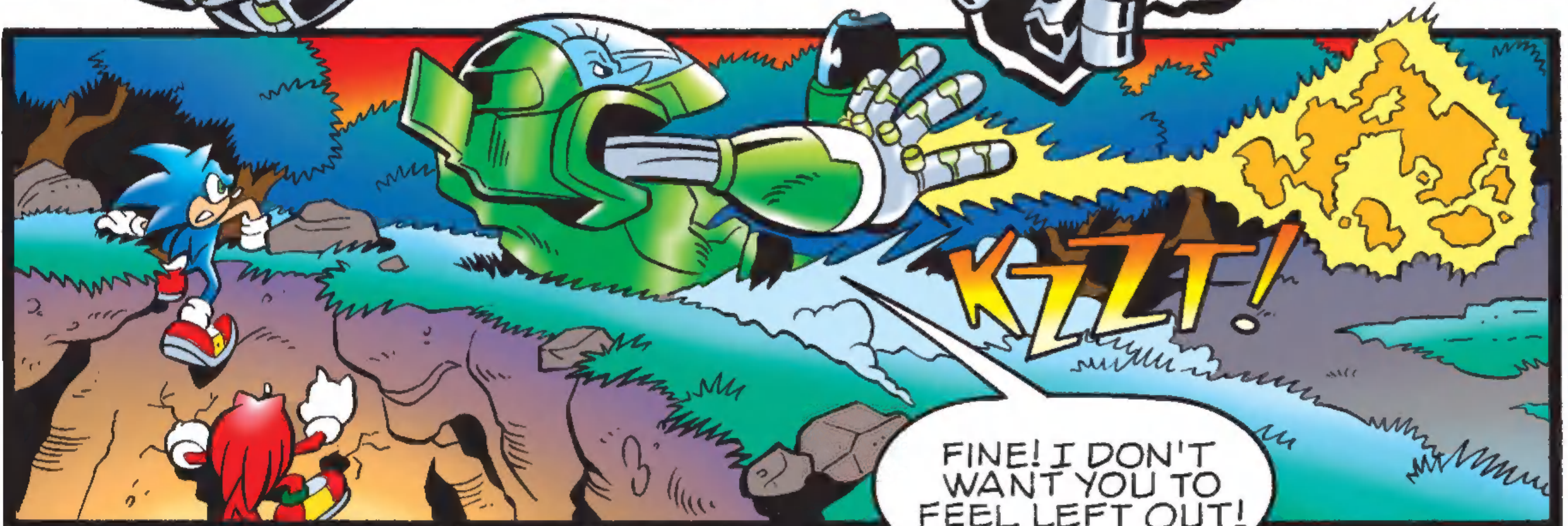




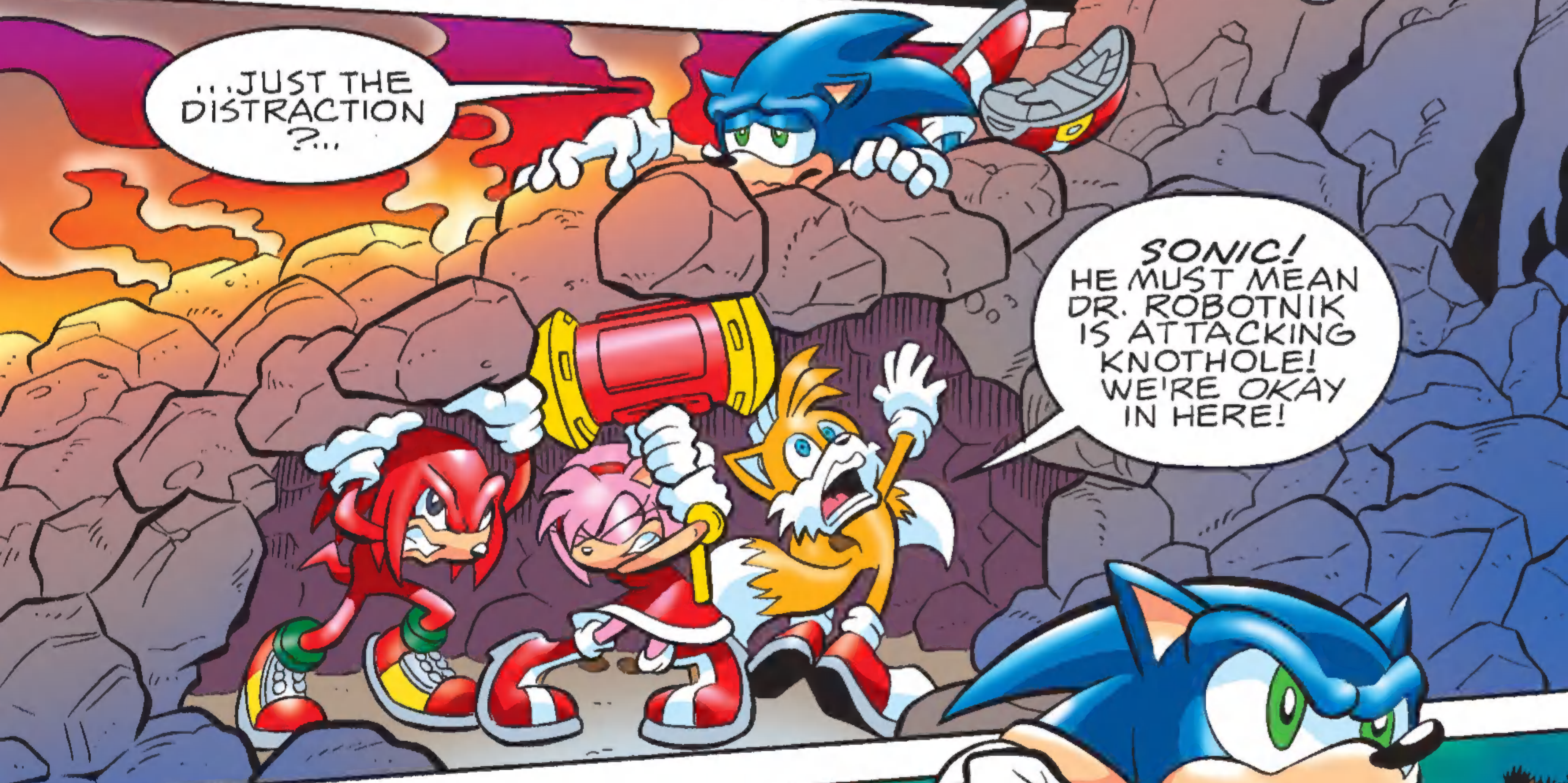
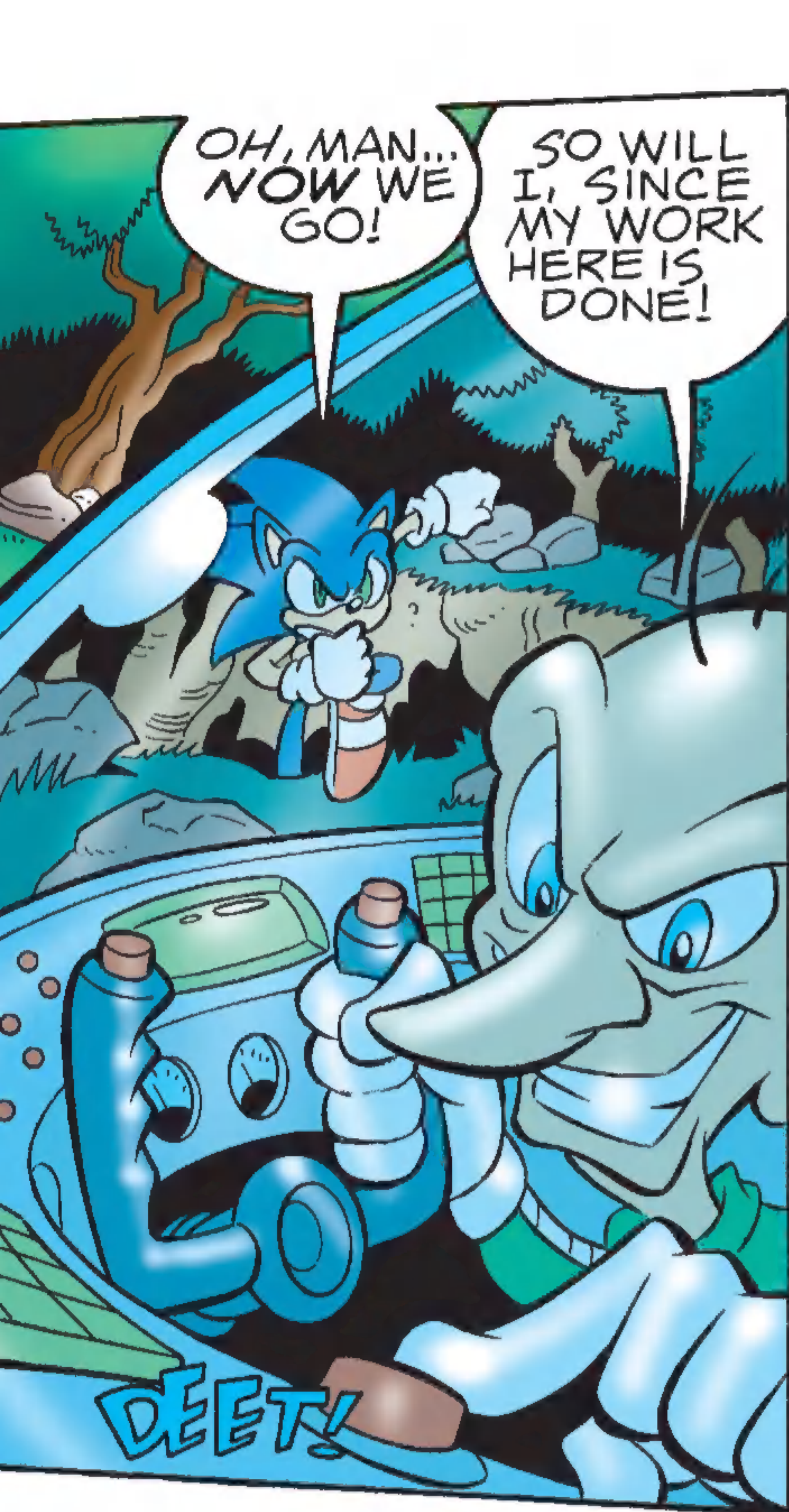




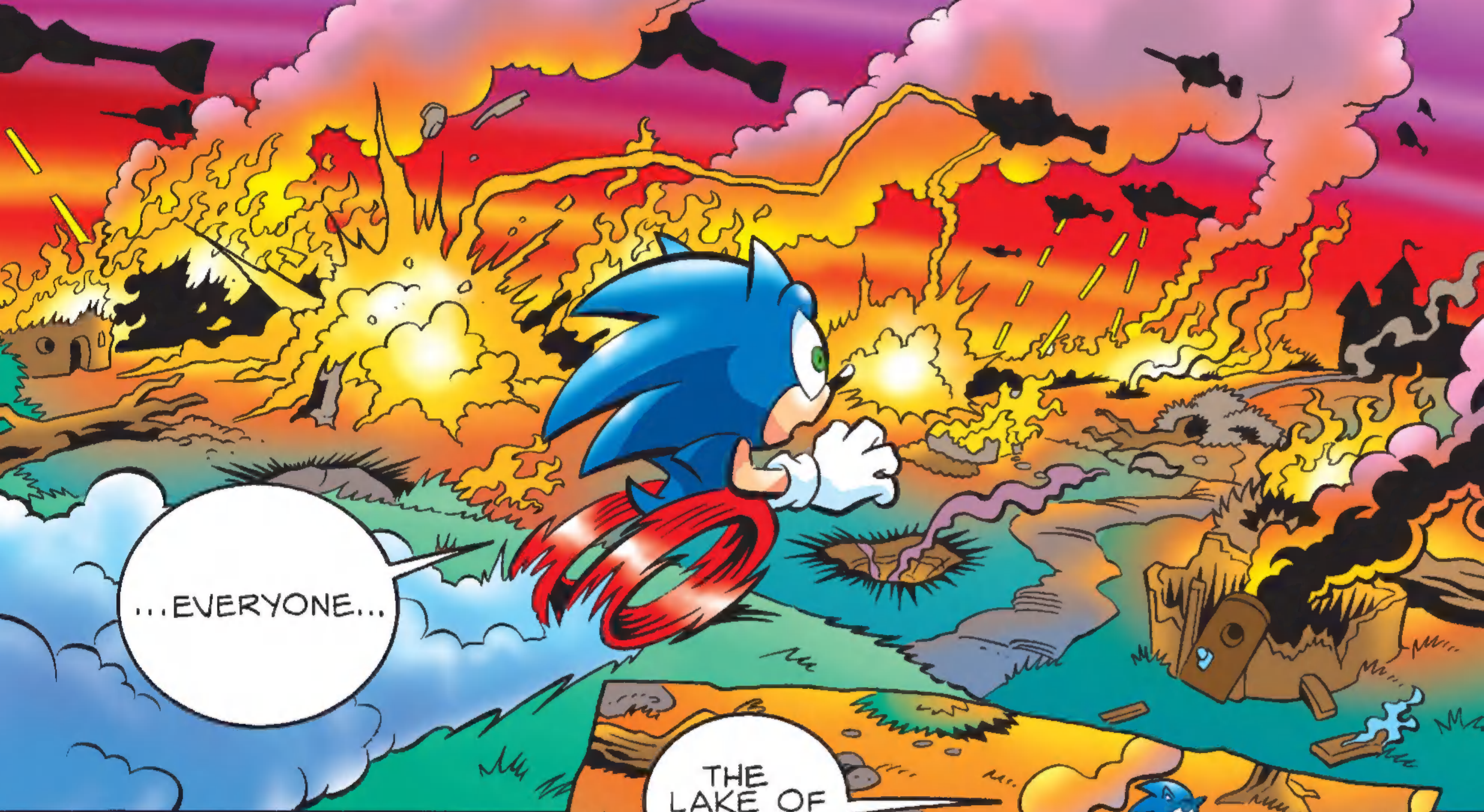












...EVERYONE...



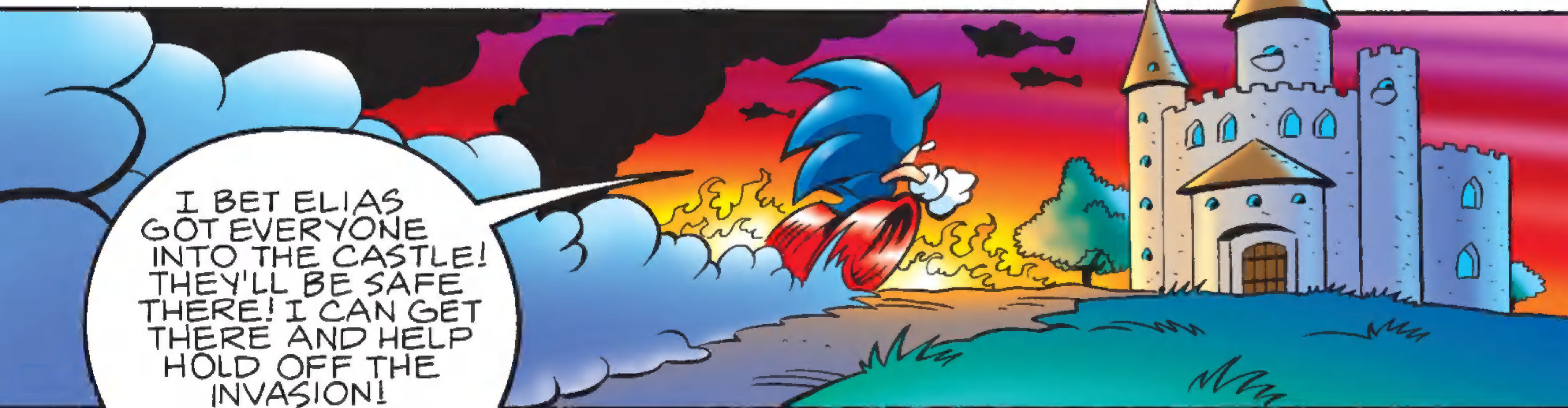
THE LAKE OF RINGS...



...UNCLE CHUCK'S DINER...

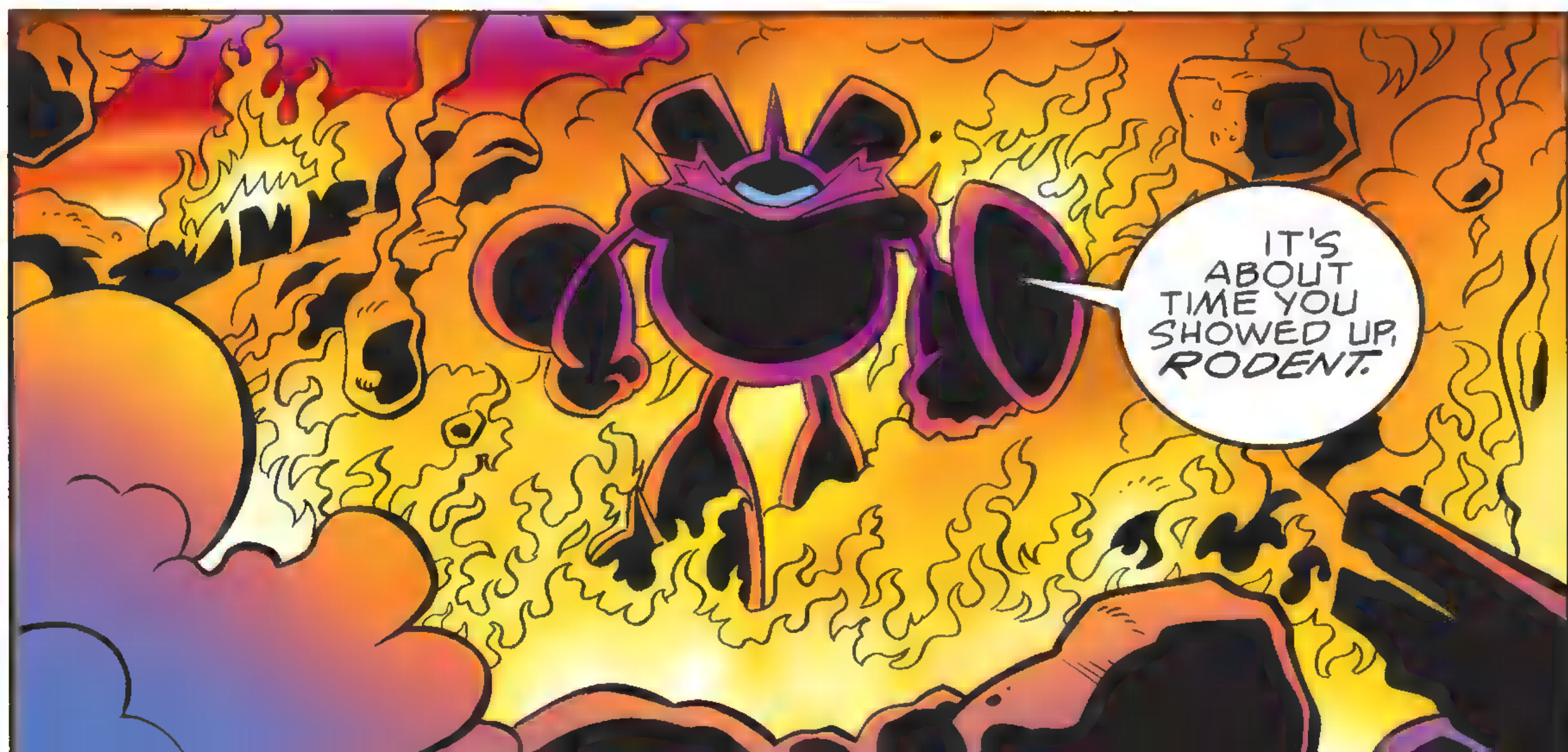


MY NEIGHBORHOOD... MY HOUSE... IT'S ALL GONE!



I BET ELIAS GOT EVERYONE INTO THE CASTLE! THEY'LL BE SAFE THERE! I CAN GET THERE AND HELP HOLD OFF THE INVASION!








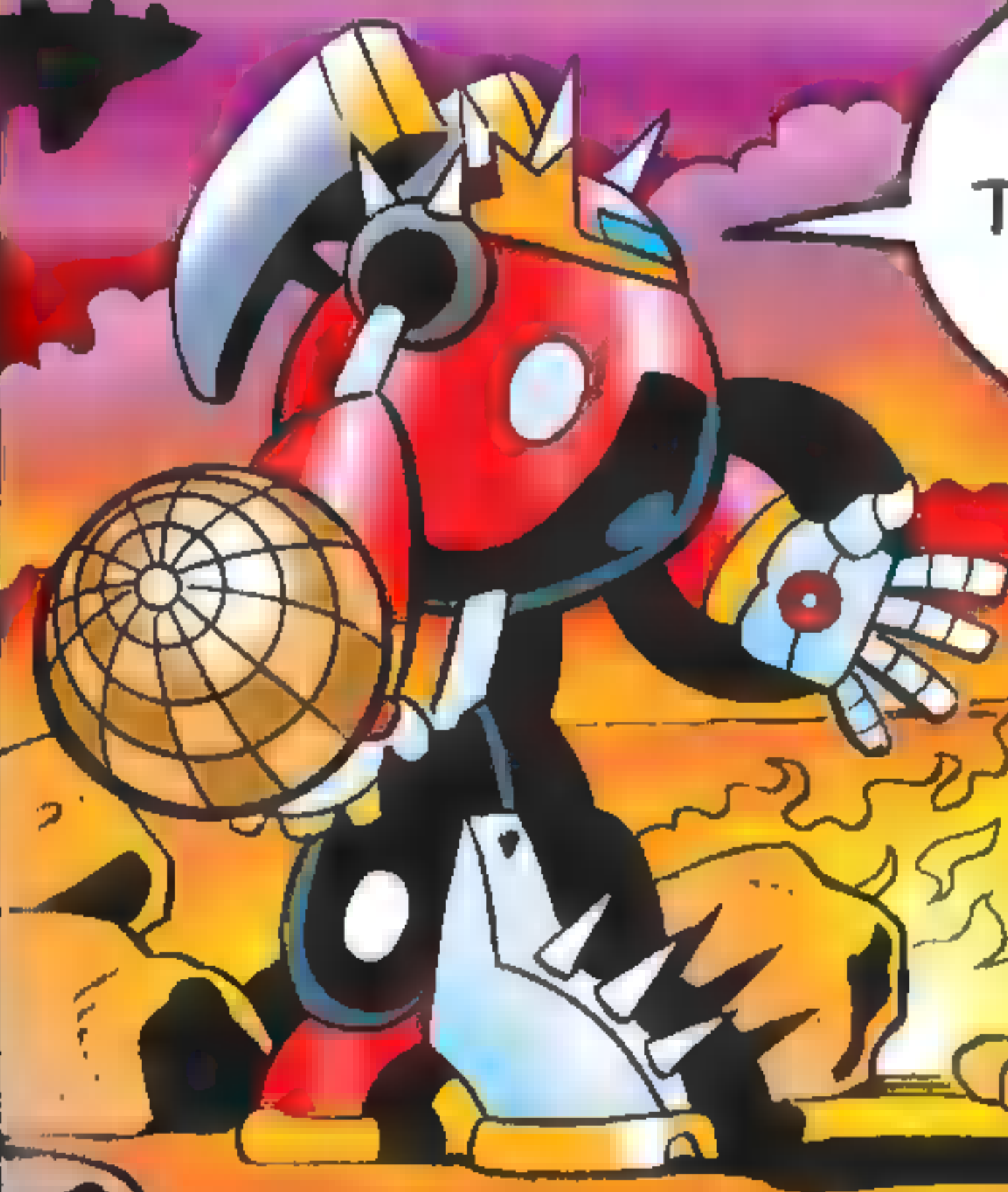


ROBOTNIK...  
EVERYONE  
I EVER  
CARED FOR...  
MY FAMILY...  
FRIENDS...  
YOU...  
THEY'RE...




CAPTURED,  
SONIC. SNIVELY  
AND I USED AN  
ENHANCED TELE-  
PORTING BEAM,  
MUCH LIKE WHAT  
I USED ON  
MAMMOTH  
MOGUL AND  
HIS CROWD.\*

\*BACK IN S# 164

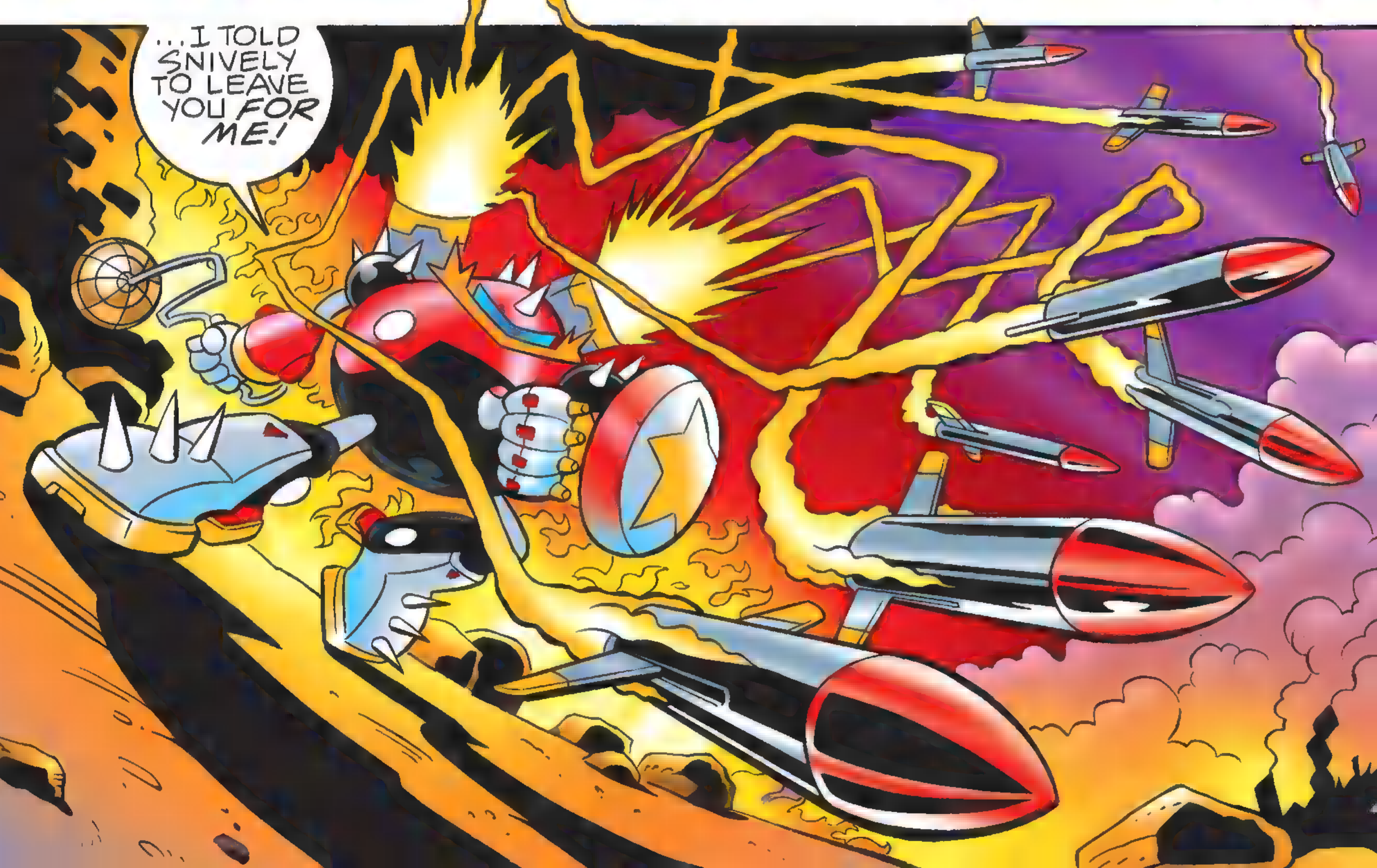


THEY'VE BEEN  
TRANSPORTED  
TO MY EGG GRAPES.  
*THERE* IT WILL  
ALL END.




NICE TRY,  
DOC. SNIVELY  
DIDN'T ZAP ME.  
I GET TO SAVE  
THE DAY LIKE  
ALWAYS.

SILLY  
BOY...




...I TOLD  
SNIVELY  
TO LEAVE  
YOU FOR  
ME!

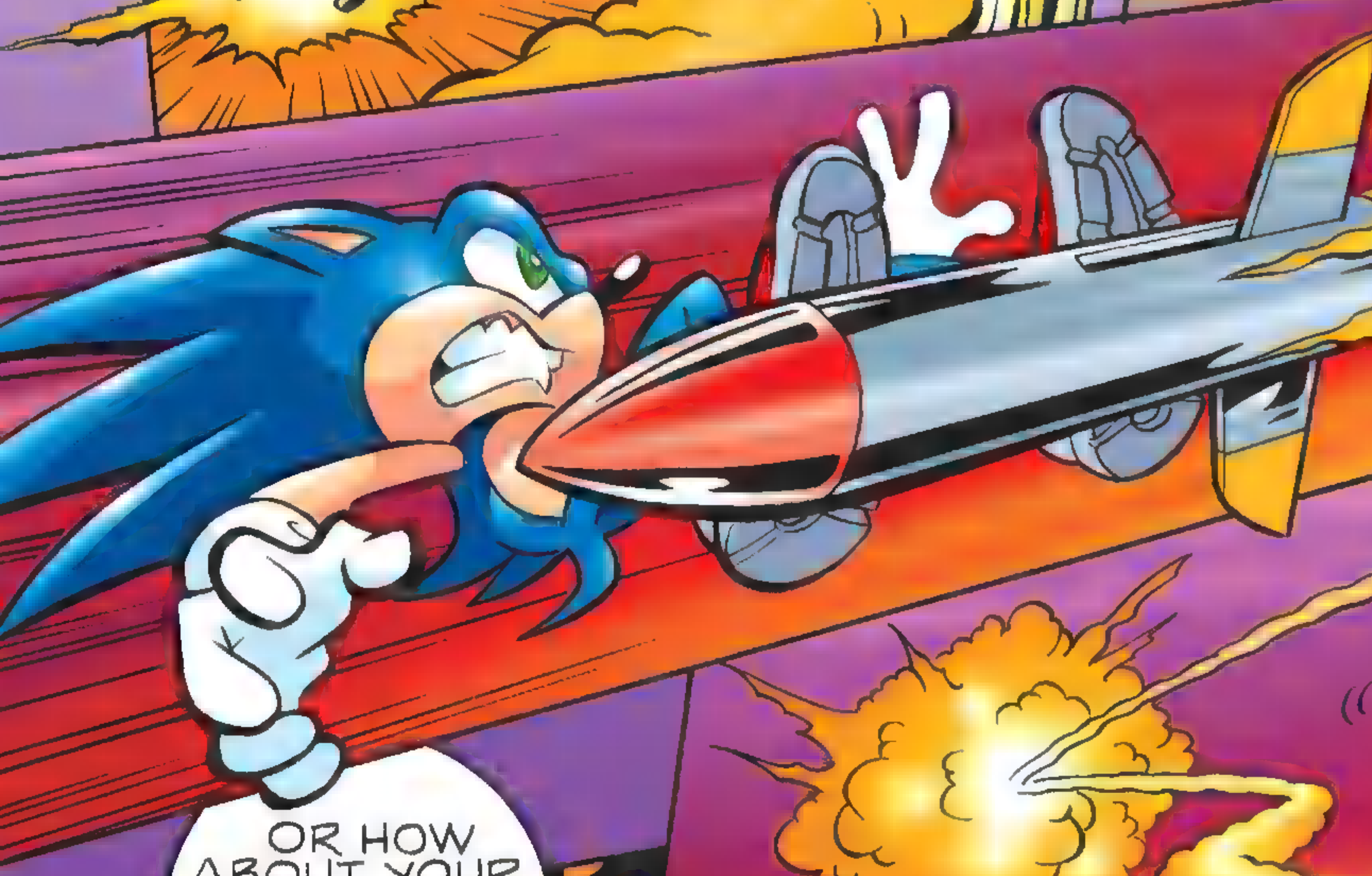




I'M SURPRISED  
YOU RETAIN YOUR  
CONFIDENCE AFTER SO  
MANY *FAILURES*. OR  
DID YOU FORGET  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO TOMMY TURTLE  
AND SIR CONNERY?



YOU NEVER  
DEROBOTICIZED  
YOUR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY.  
AND YOUR  
FATHER IS  
*STILL* A  
ROBOT!



OR HOW  
ABOUT YOUR  
LOVE-LIFE,  
EH? SALLY,  
MINA, EVEN  
FIONA!



SO...



...HOW  
COME  
YOU'RE  
ALL  
ALONE?



SHUT  
UP!

THAT'S IT?  
THAT'S YOUR  
WITTY COMEBACK?  
PLEASE, SONIC,  
I WANT OUR LAST  
GAME TO HAVE  
SOME MERIT.

OOF!  
THIS IS A  
GAME TO  
YOU?!

DING

DING

DING

DING

YOU THOUGHT  
YOUR PITHY  
RESISTANCE  
ACTUALLY HAD  
SOME KIND OF  
TOE-HOLD AGAINST  
MY EMPIRE?

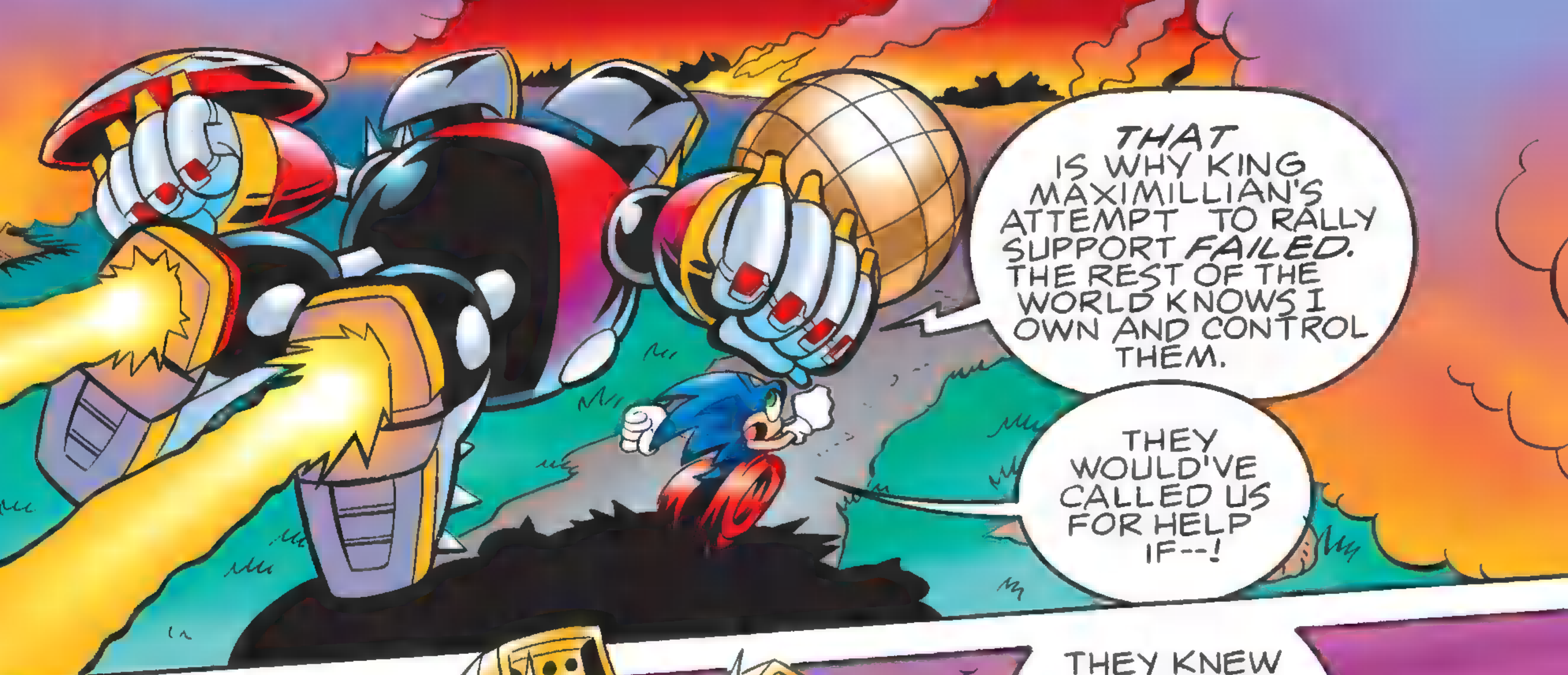
THE WORLD FELL TO ME  
SO QUICKLY, SO EASILY,  
THAT I WAS LEFT WITH  
NOTHING TO DO! I ALLOWED  
YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO  
EXIST SO THAT I MIGHT  
ENTERTAIN MYSELF!

AHH!  
LIAR!

YOU'VE TRIED--  
AND **FAILED**--  
TO BEAT US IN  
THE PAST!

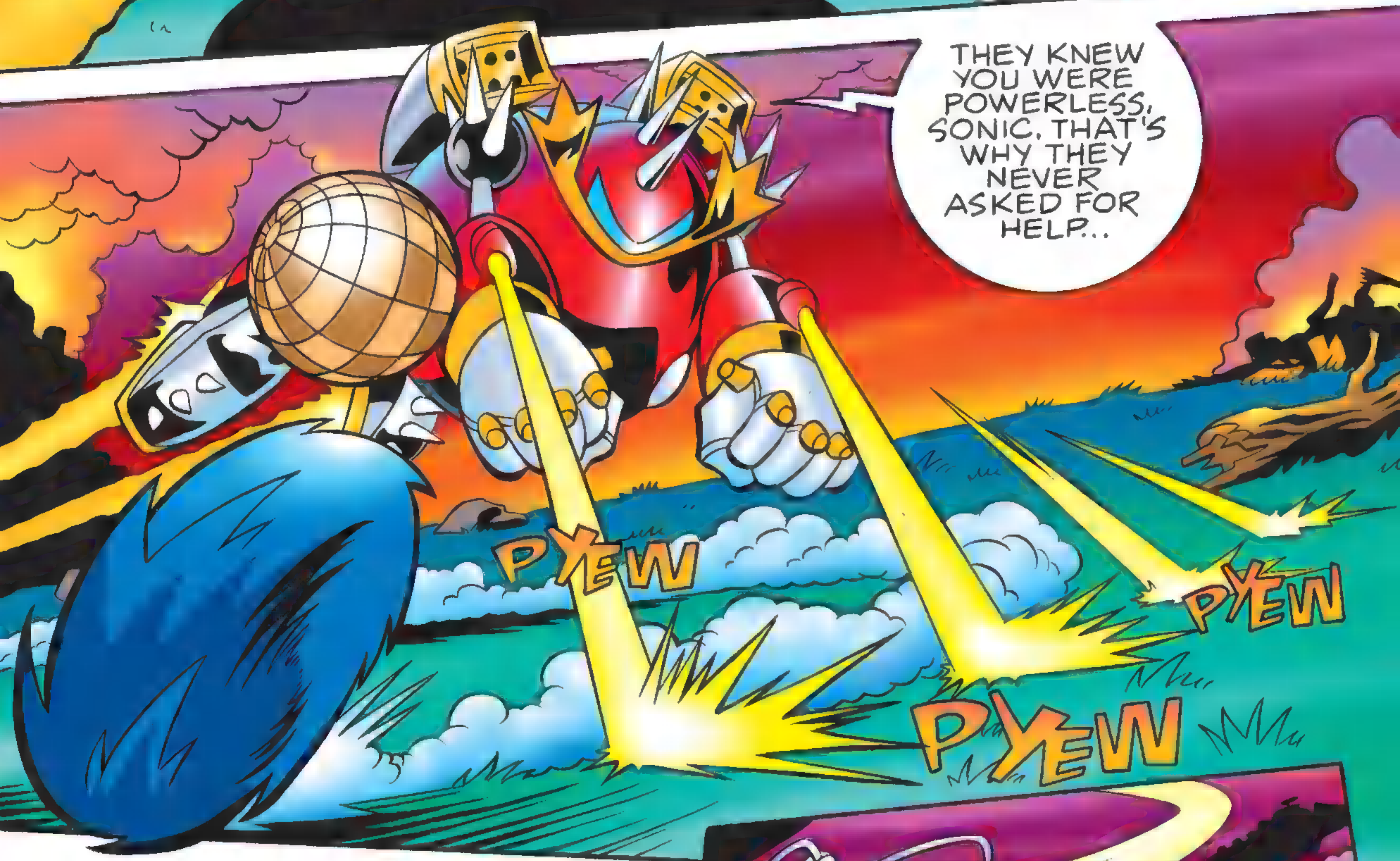
I WILL CONCEDE  
YOU ALL HAVE WON  
MY LITTLE WAR  
GAMES MORE TIMES  
THAN NOT. BUT SO  
WHAT? IS MOBIUS  
ANY MORE FREE  
NOW THAN IT WAS  
YEARS AGO.?





THAT IS WHY KING MAXIMILLIAN'S ATTEMPT TO RALLY SUPPORT **FAILED**. THE REST OF THE WORLD KNOWS I OWN AND CONTROL THEM.

THEY WOULD'VE CALLED US FOR HELP IF--!



THEY KNEW YOU WERE POWERLESS, SONIC. THAT'S WHY THEY NEVER ASKED FOR HELP..

PXEW

PXEW

PXEW



...AND THAT'S WHY THEY NEVER WARNED YOU ABOUT **THIS!**

AUGH!

SMASH!



GET UP, RODENT. I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET.



HAHAHA!  
OH, YOUR FUTILE  
ACTIONS AMUSE  
ME SO! YOU'LL  
NEVER WIN  
THIS BATTLE,  
SONIC. YOU  
CAN'T!

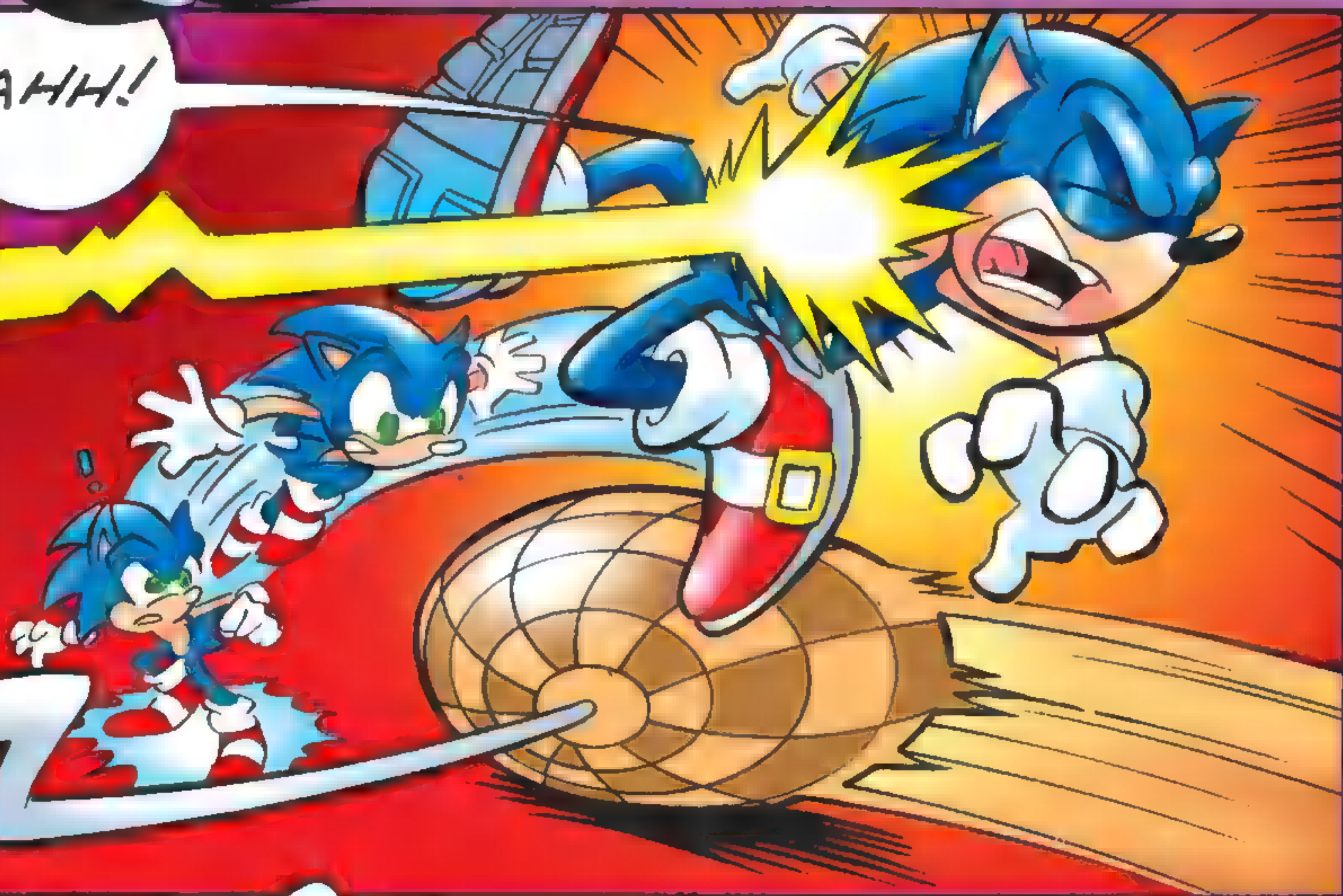
HURF!  
KEEP  
TALKING  
BIG, DOC!  
I'M NOT  
DONE  
YET!



YOU WERE FINISHED  
BEFORE THE EGG  
FLEET EVEN BEGAN  
BOMBARDMENT. THIS  
BATTLE SUIT IS SPECIF-  
ICALLY DESIGNED TO  
MATCH AND OUT-CLASS  
YOUR SPEED AND  
STRENGTH!

AHH!

ZAP!



I'VE STUDIED YOU  
ALL YOUR LIFE,  
RODENT. WE'VE  
REACHED YOUR  
LIMIT!

THE ONLY REASON  
YOU CAN TAKE THIS  
MUCH PUNISHMENT  
IS DUE TO ALL THOSE  
MAGIC RINGS YOU ONCE  
COLLECTED. WHICH MEANS  
I GET TO TOY WITH YOU  
LONGER THAN SHOULD  
BE REASONABLE!

LIMIT?  
LIMIT?





EGAD! SNIVELY!  
TRACK THE HEDGE-  
HOG VIA THE EGG  
SPY SATELLITES.  
WHERE DID HE  
GO?

WROOHH

TRACKING  
NOW, SIR. HE'S...  
HE'S MOVING A  
LOT FASTER  
THAN YOU  
CALCULATED  
HE COULD...

NONSENSE!  
JUST GET ME HIS  
LOCATION!

H-HE...!

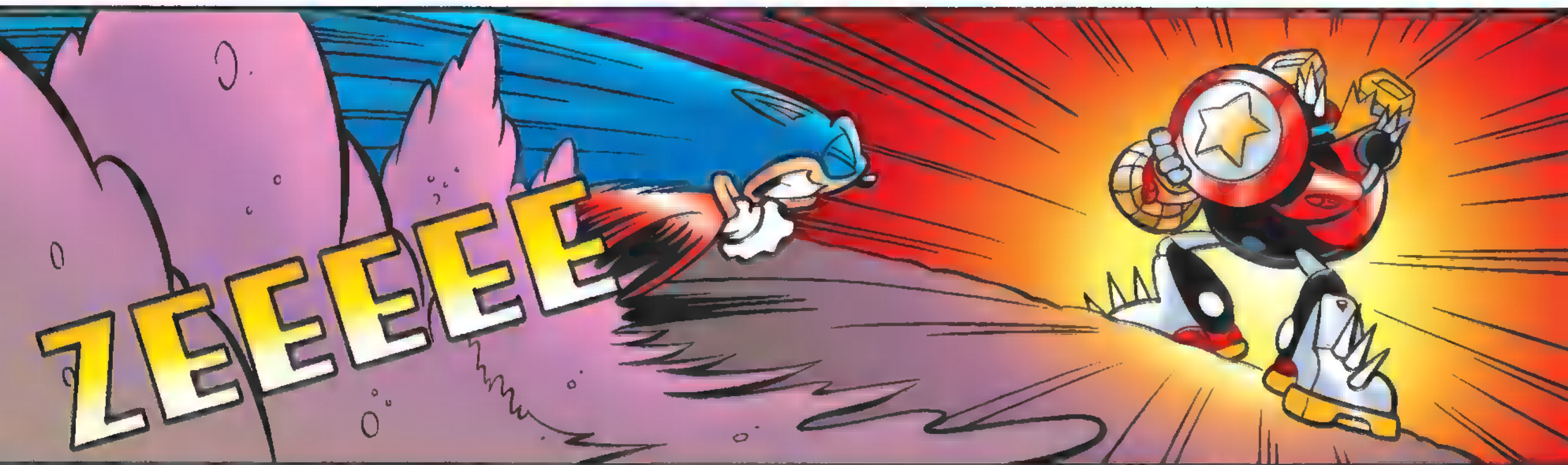
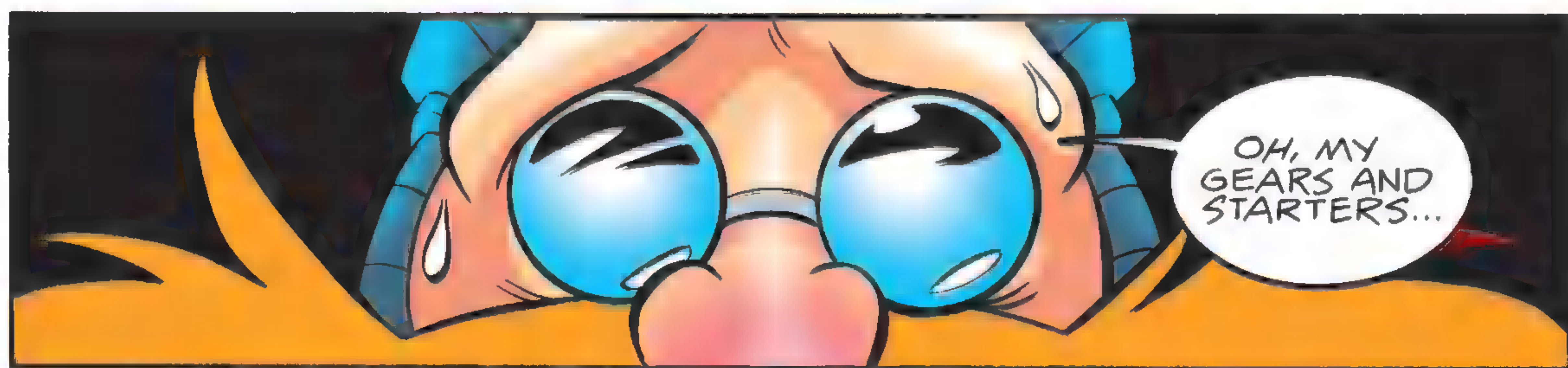
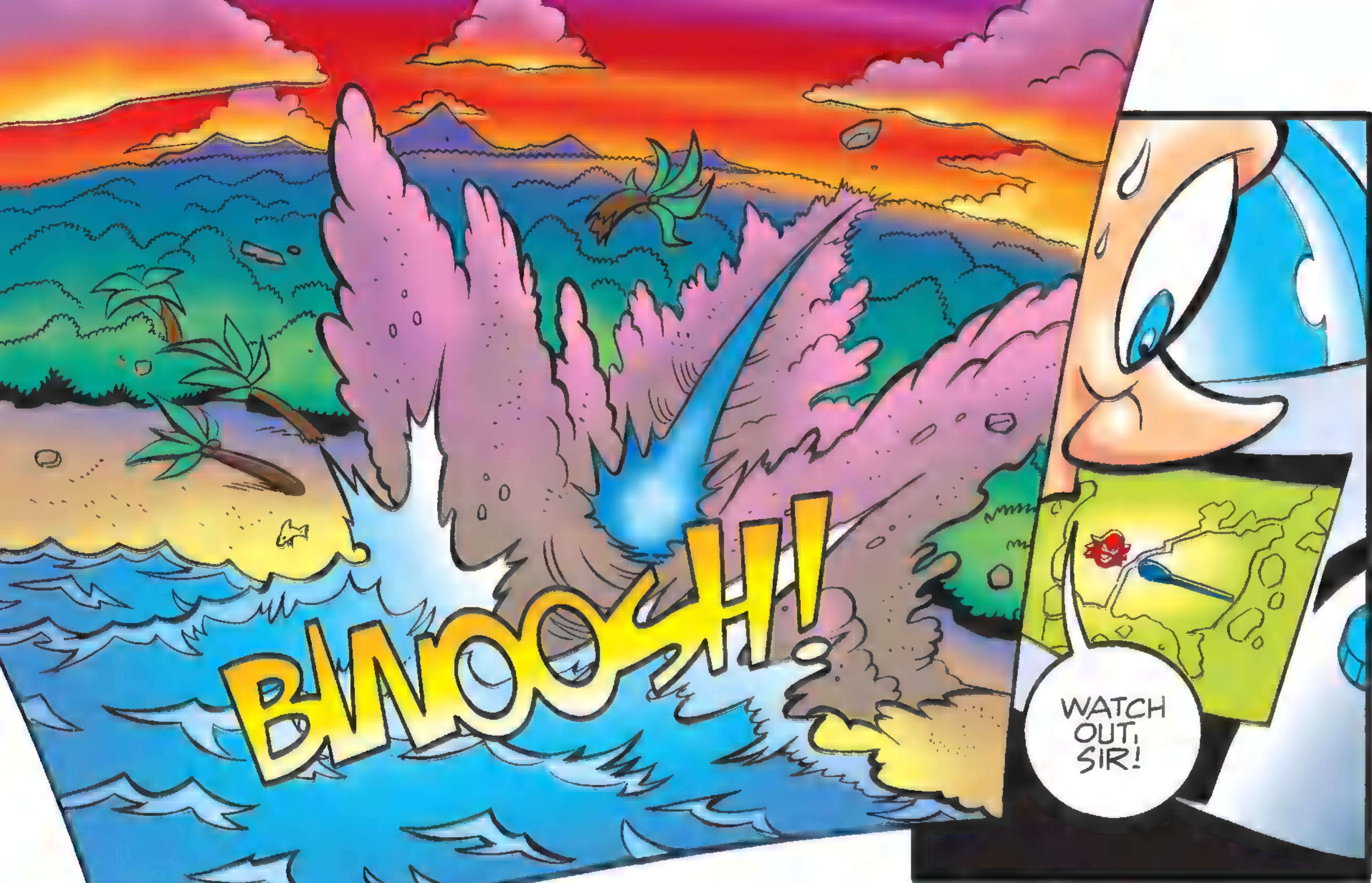
WHERE,  
SNIVELY?  
WHERE  
?!

HE'S  
ALREADY  
ON THE  
EAST  
COAST!

"LIMIT"  
?

I'VE  
GOT  
YOUR  
"LIMIT"  
RIGHT  
HERE!







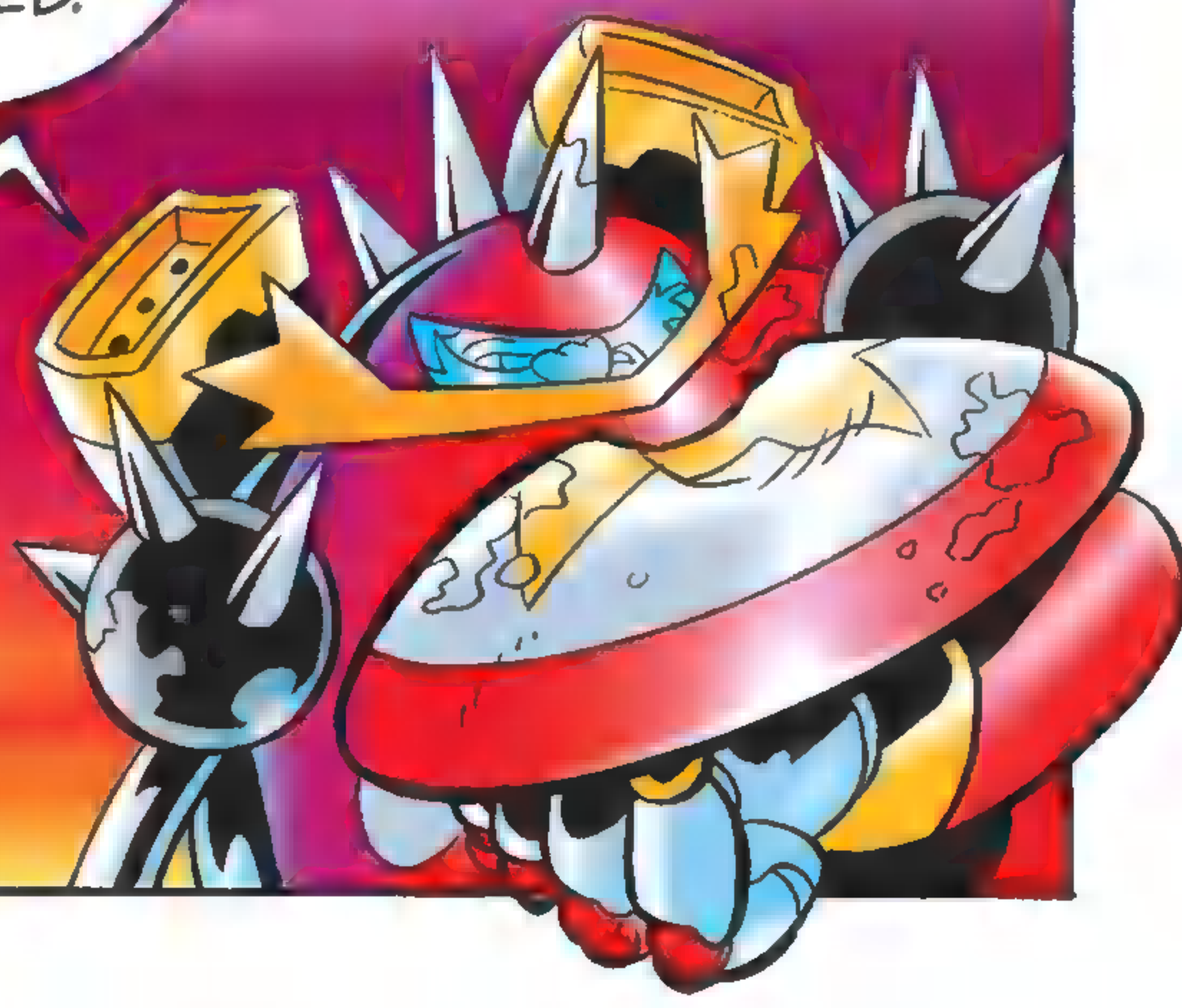


H-HA!  
H-HOW'S  
THAT FOR  
M-MY LIMIT,  
E-EGGMAN  
?



IT'S JUST  
FINE,  
SONIC.

ALTHOUGH  
I AM A LITTLE  
UPSET THAT  
YOU DENTED  
THE SHIELD.





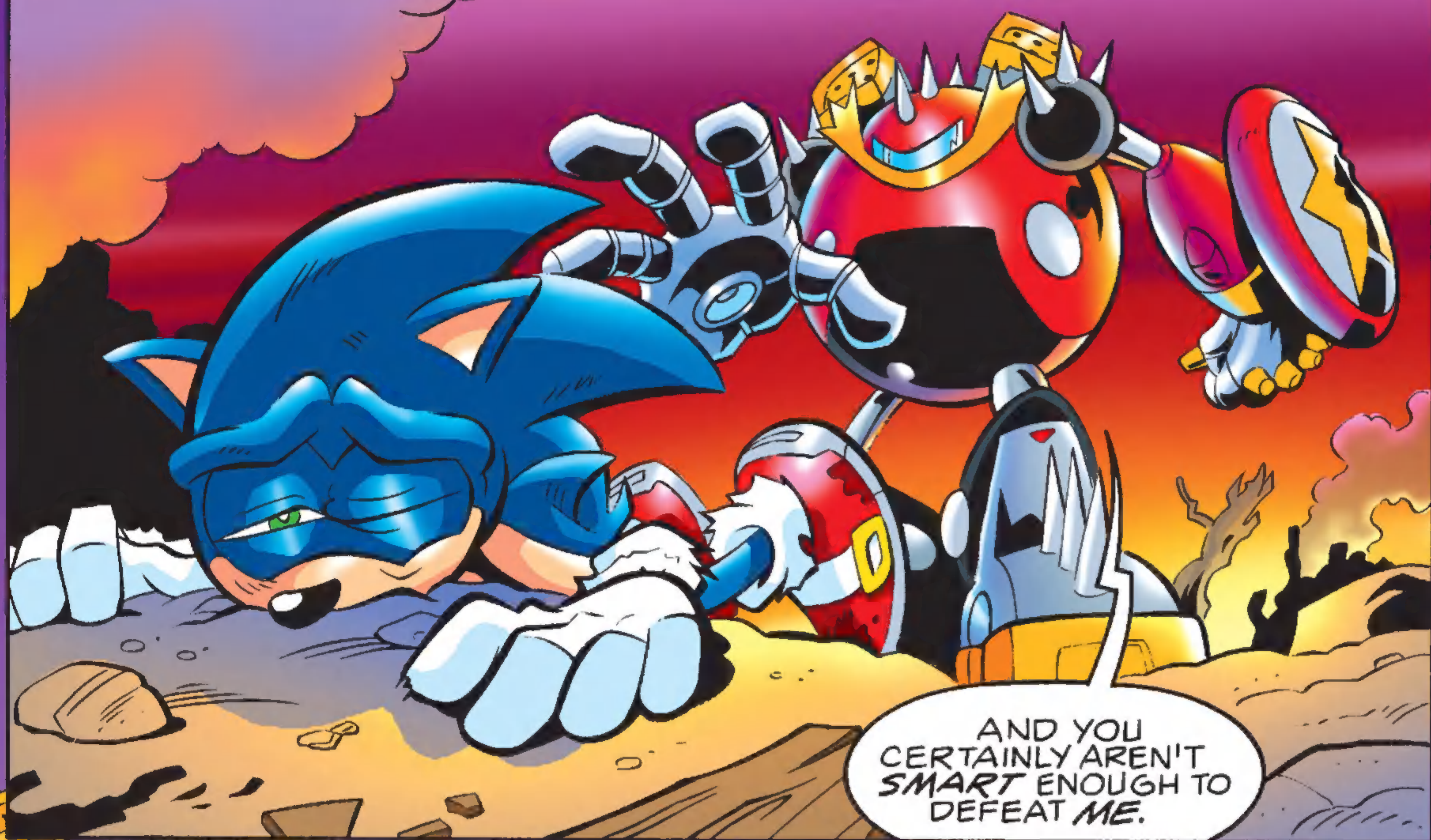


...YOU'RE OUT-  
MATCHED...OUT-  
CLASSSED...

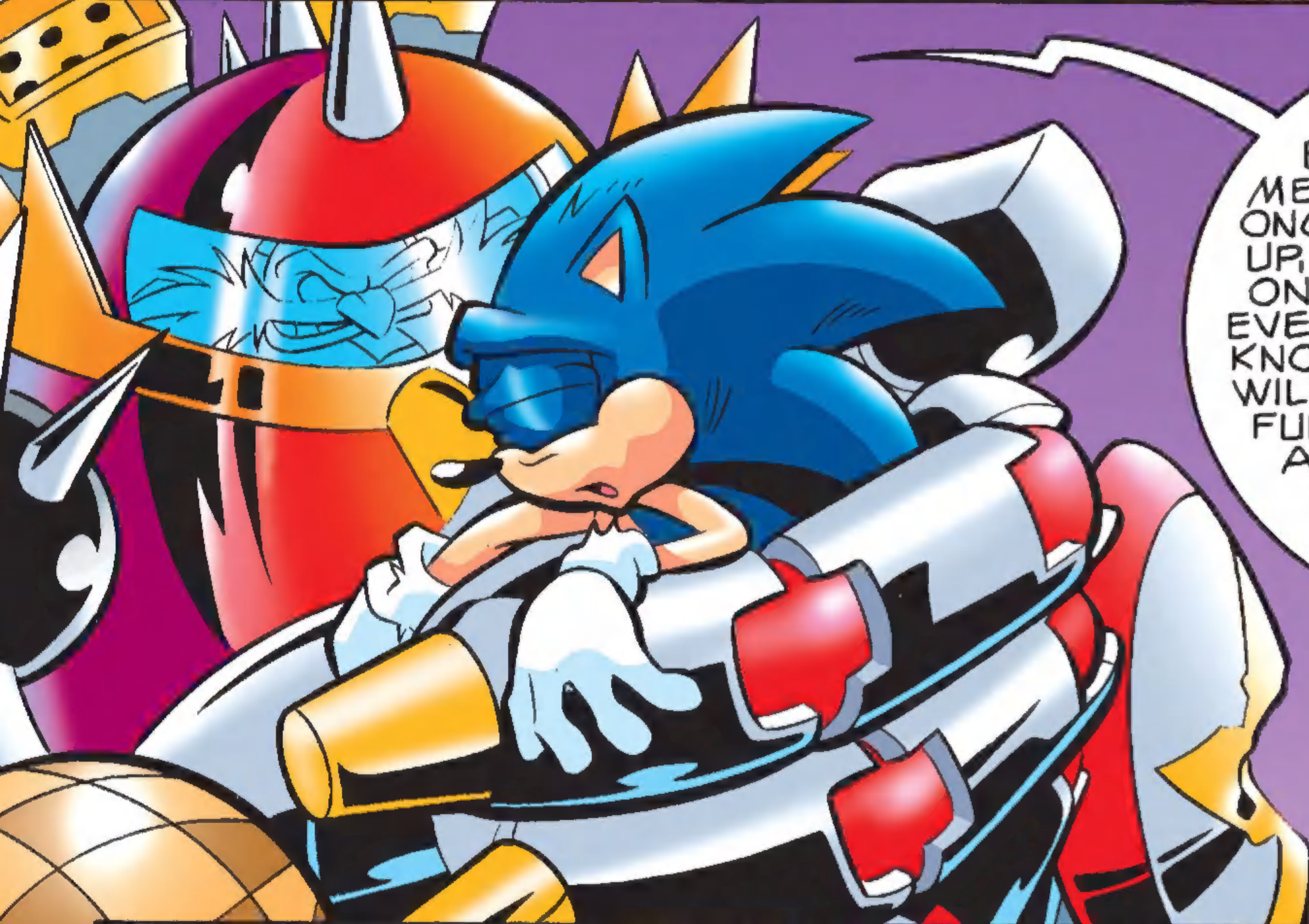
...YOU'RE  
NOT *FAST*  
ENOUGH...

...YOU'RE  
NOT  
*STRONG*  
ENOUGH...



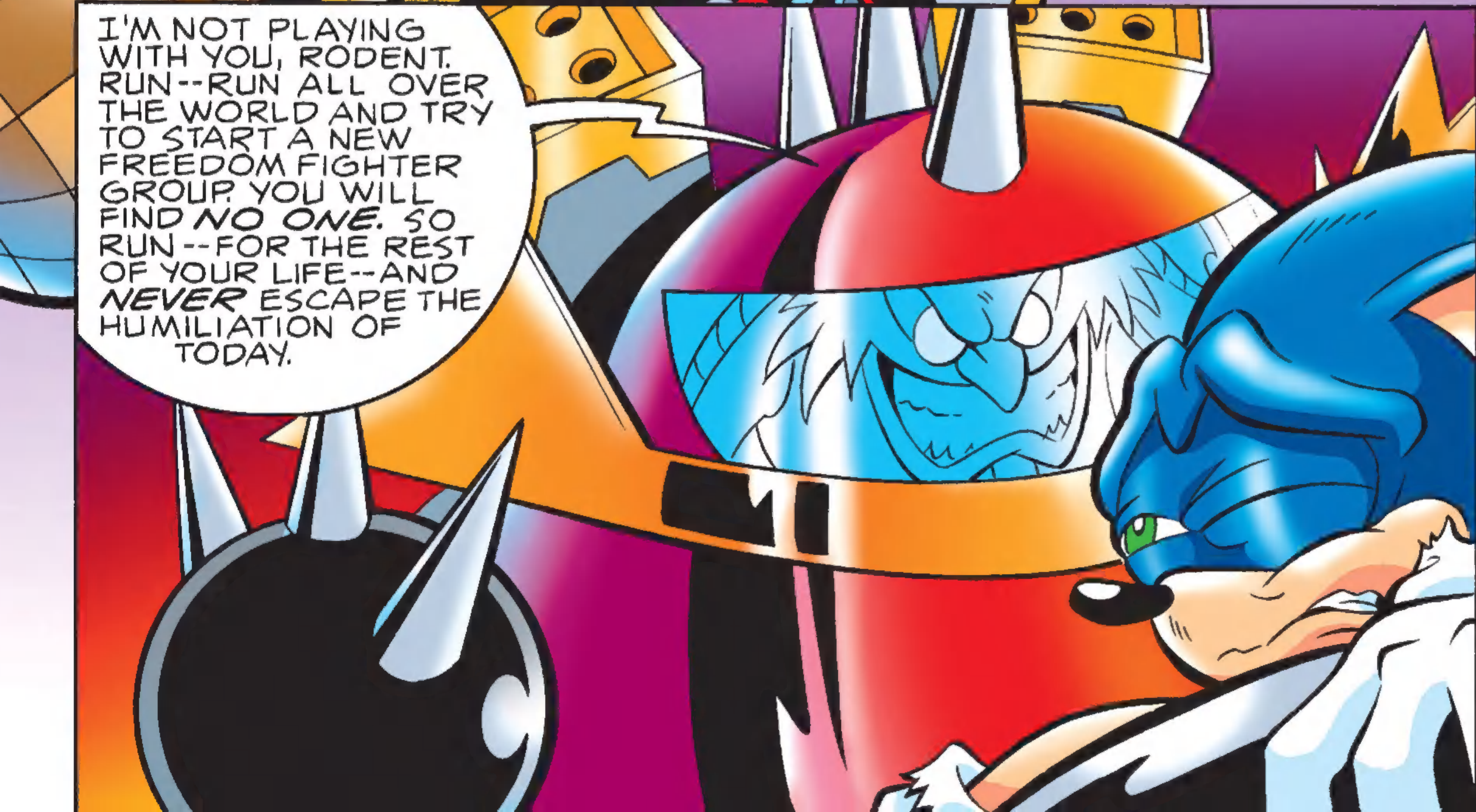


AND YOU CERTAINLY AREN'T **SMART** ENOUGH TO DEFEAT **ME**.

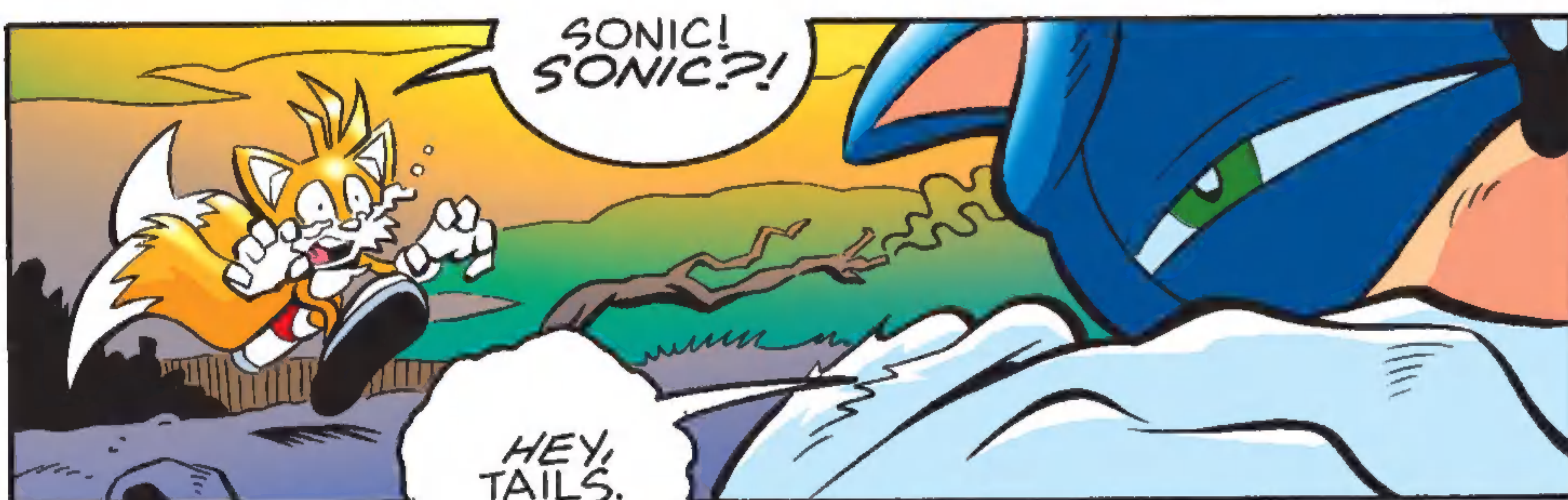
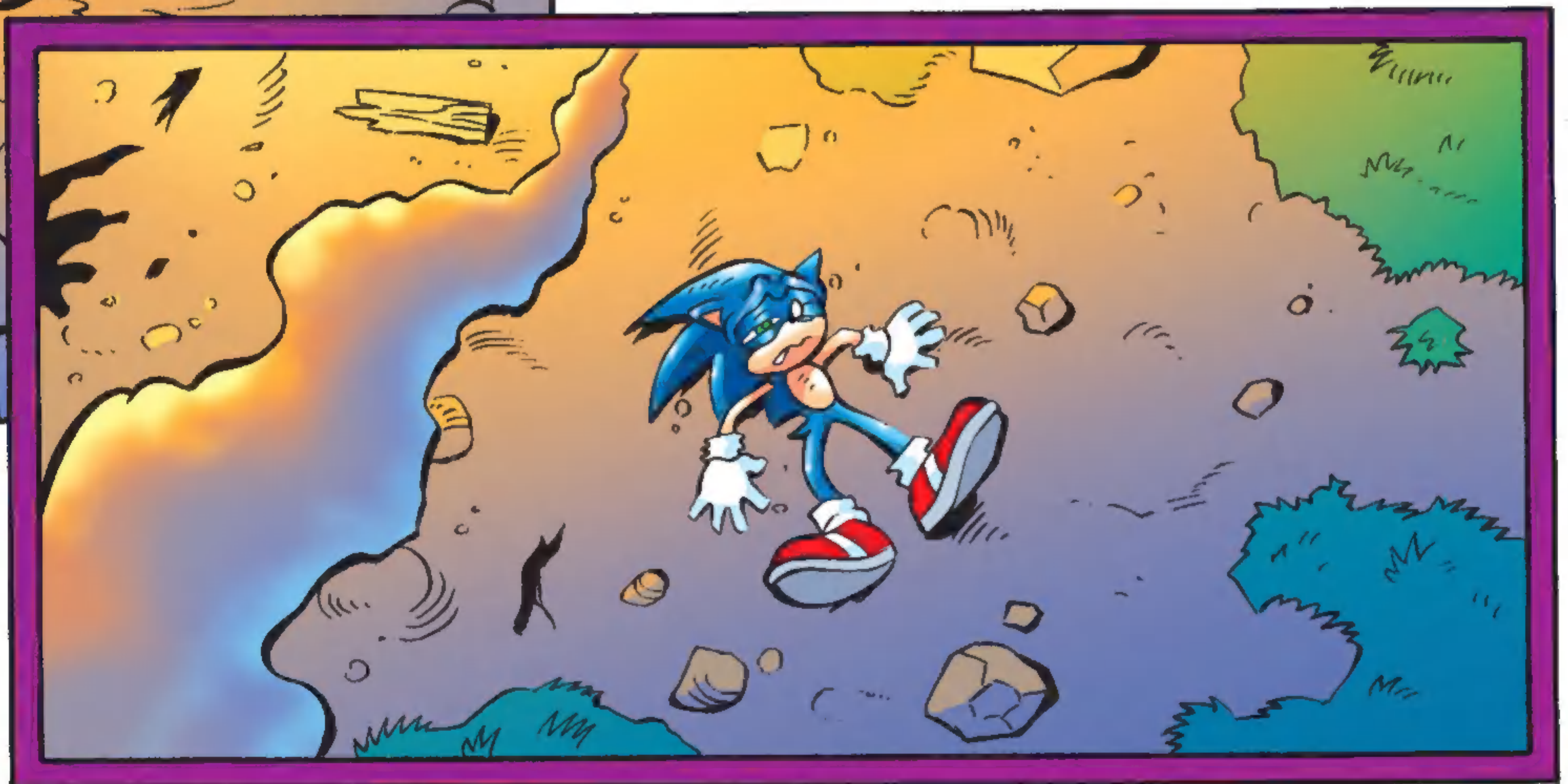


I'M GOING BACK TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS NOW. ONCE I'VE FRESHENED UP, I'M GOING TO TURN ON THE EGG GRAPES. EVERYONE YOU'VE EVER KNOWN OR CARED FOR WILL BE TURNED INTO FUEL FOR MY CITY. AND YOU'LL BE LEFT HERE-- HELPLESS.

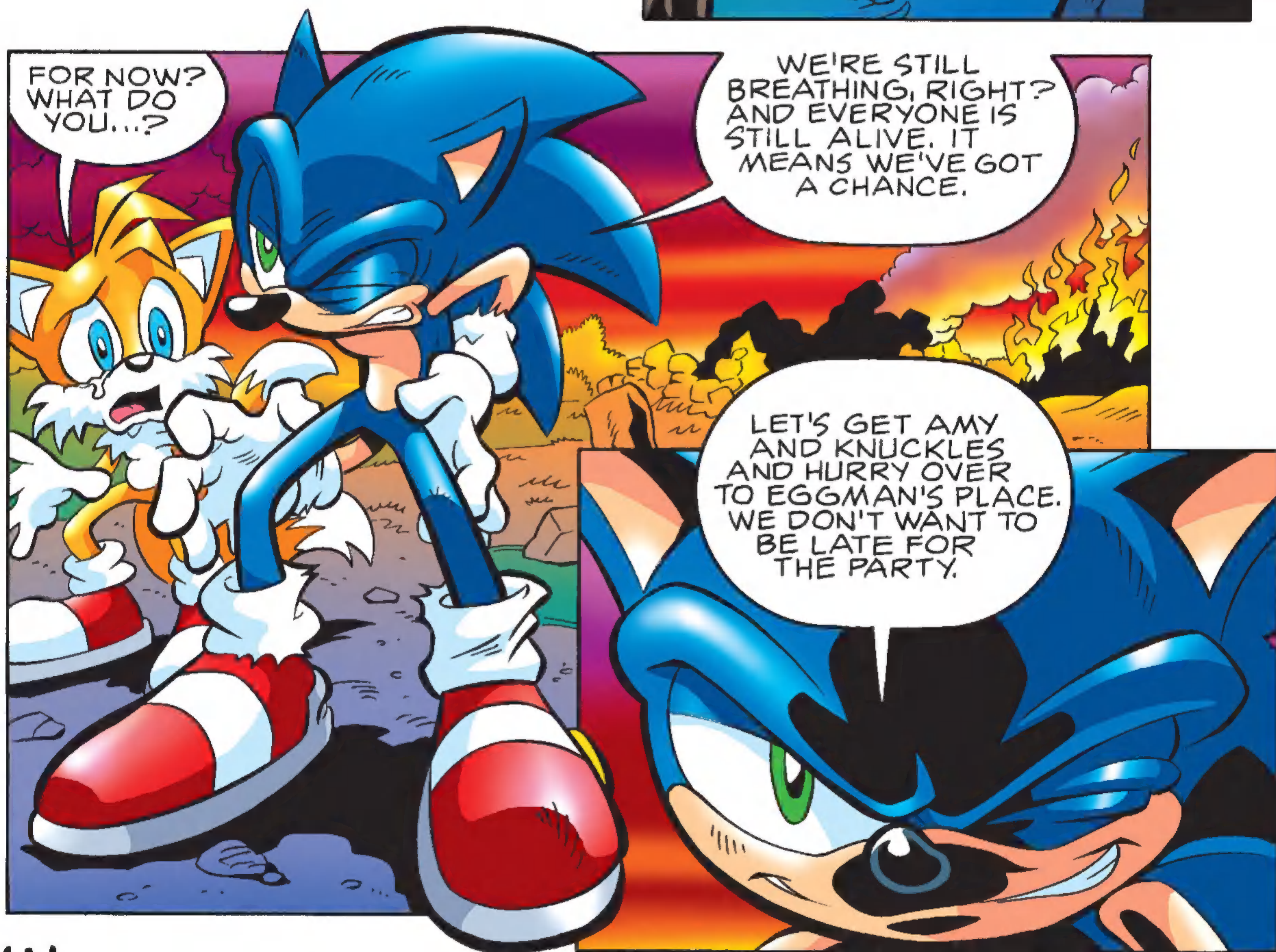
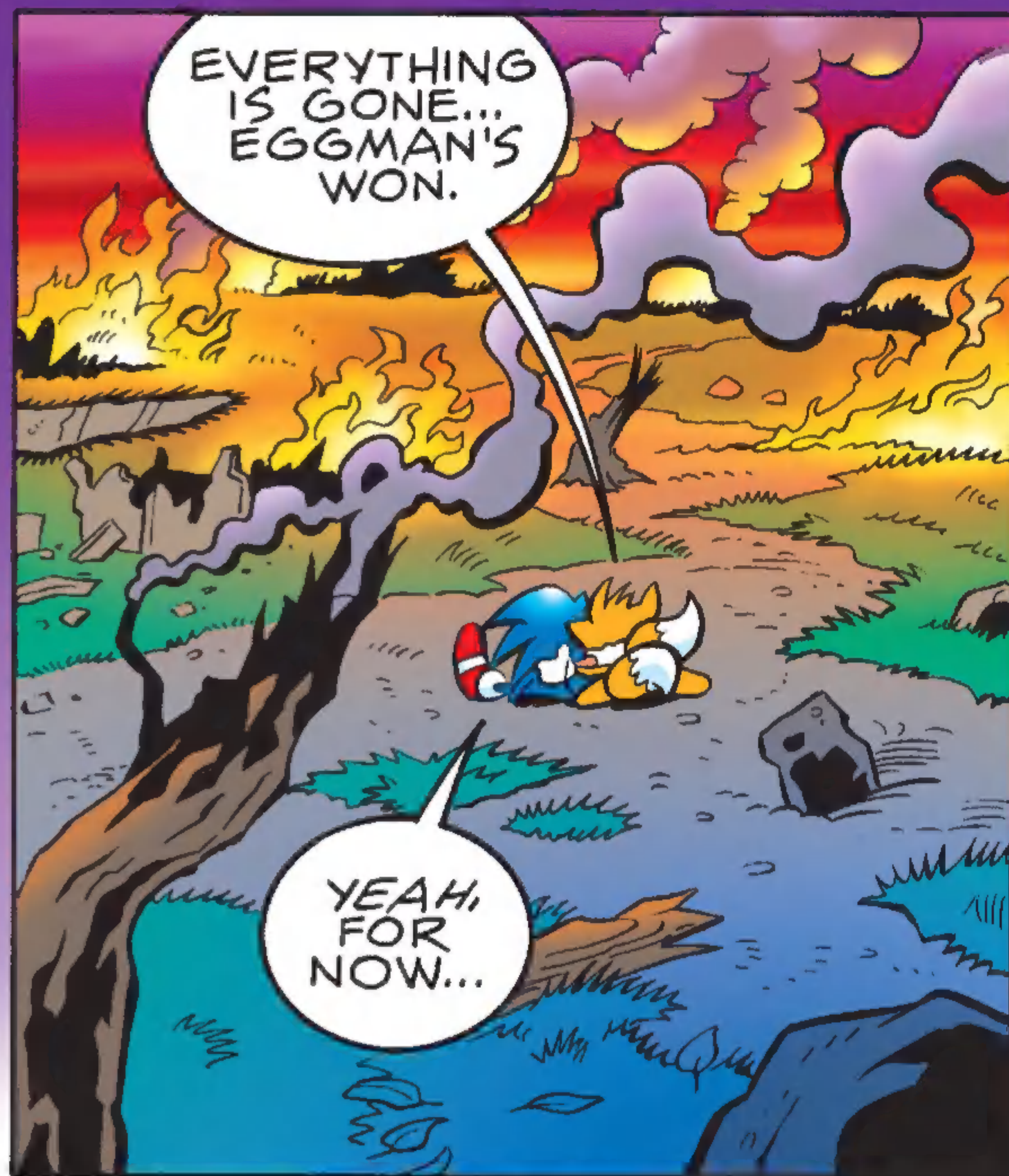
I'M NOT PLAYING WITH YOU, RODENT. RUN--RUN ALL OVER THE WORLD AND TRY TO START A NEW FREEDOM FIGHTER GROUP. YOU WILL FIND **NO ONE**. SO RUN--FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE--AND **NEVER** ESCAPE THE HUMILIATION OF TODAY.











**WITH FOUR HEROES LEFT, CAN SONIC MANAGE A LAST-SECOND RESCUE?  
OR IS DR. EGGMAN RIGHT? IS IT REALLY TOO LATE?  
JOIN THE LAST-DITCH EFFORTS NEXT MONTH WHEN SONIC SEES IF HE CAN  
START "CRACKING THE EMPIRE!"**